
HOUSE BILL 1942

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1 AN ACT Relating to transportation facilities of state-wide
2 significance; adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW; and creating
3 new sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the
6 ownership and operation of Washington's transportation system is spread
7 among federal, state, and local government agencies, regional transit
8 agencies, port districts, and the private sector. The legislature also
9 recognizes that transportation planning authority is shared on the
10 local, regional, and state levels, and that this planning must be a
11 comprehensive and coordinated effort. While significant authority for
12 transportation planning is vested with local agencies and regional
13 transportation planning organizations under the growth management act,
14 the legislature recognizes that certain transportation issues and
15 facilities cross local and regional boundaries and are vital to the
16 state-wide economy and the cross-state mobility of people and goods.
17 Therefore, the state has an appropriate role in developing state-wide
18 transportation plans that address state jurisdiction facilities and
19 services as well as transportation facilities and services of state

1 interest. These plans shall serve as a guide for short-term investment
2 needs and provide a long-range vision for transportation system
3 development.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature declares the following transportation facilities
7 and services to be of state-wide significance: The interstate highway
8 system, interregional state principal arterials including ferry
9 connections that serve state-wide travel, intercity passenger rail
10 services, intercity high-speed ground transportation, major passenger
11 intermodal terminals, mainline freight railroads, and the
12 Columbia/Snake navigable river system. The department shall lead
13 efforts, in cooperation with regional transportation planning
14 organizations, counties, cities, transit agencies, public ports, and
15 the private sector, to effectively plan for and include improvements to
16 transportation facilities and services of state-wide significance into
17 the state-wide multimodal transportation plan. Improvements to
18 facilities and services of state-wide significance identified in the
19 state-wide multimodal transportation plan developed under RCW
20 47.01.071(3) shall be considered to be essential state public
21 facilities under RCW 36.70A.200.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of transportation in
23 cooperation with cities, counties, ports, transit agencies, regional
24 transportation planning organizations, and the department of community
25 development shall make recommendations on transportation facilities and
26 services in addition to those identified in section 2 of this act that
27 should be included in the definition of essential public facilities as
28 defined under RCW 36.70A.200. In developing these recommendations, the
29 siting of transportation facilities and services related to airports
30 and water ports shall be considered. The department shall submit the
31 recommendations to the legislature by December 15, 1993.

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