
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6555

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Nelson, Vognild, Sheldon, Oke and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to local government coordination of approvals for
2 major transportation projects; adding new sections to chapter 36.70A
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** INTENT. The legislature recognizes that
6 there are major transportation projects that affect multiple
7 jurisdictions as to economic development, fiscal influence,
8 environmental consequences, land use implications, and mobility of
9 people and goods. The legislature further recognizes that affected
10 jurisdictions have important interests that must be addressed, and that
11 these jurisdictions' present environmental planning and permitting
12 authority may result in multiple local permits and other requirements
13 being specified for the projects.

14 The legislature finds that the present permitting system may result
15 in segmented and sequential decisions by local governments that do not
16 optimally serve all the parties with an interest in the decisions. The
17 present system may also make more difficult achieving the consistency
18 among plans and actions that is an important aspect of this chapter.

1 It is the intent of the legislature to provide for more efficiency
2 and equity in the decisions of local governments regarding major
3 transportation projects by encouraging coordination or consolidation of
4 the processes for reviewing environmental planning and permitting
5 requirements for those projects. The legislature intends that local
6 governments coordinate their regulatory decisions by considering
7 together the range of local, state, and federal requirements for major
8 transportation projects. Nothing in section 1 or 2 of this act alters
9 the authority of cities or counties under any other planning or
10 permitting statute.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** COLLABORATIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT REVIEW.
12 For counties engaged in planning under this chapter, there shall be
13 established by December 31, 1994, a collaborative process to review and
14 coordinate state and local permits for all transportation projects that
15 cross more than one city or county boundary. This process shall at a
16 minimum, establish a mechanism among affected cities and counties to
17 designate a permit coordinating agency to facilitate
18 multijurisdictional review and approval of such transportation
19 projects.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section captions used in this act constitute
21 no part of the law.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are added to
23 chapter 36.70A RCW.

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