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By Senators Haugen, Gardner, Kline, Costa, Prentice, Fairley, Patterson and Eide

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1 AN ACT Relating to restrictions on public passenger transportation  
2 system agreements for services by private entities; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 41.56 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.56 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A public employer covered by this chapter shall not enter into  
8 any contract or agreement whereby a private entity provides services to  
9 a public employer, if:

10 (a) The services provided under the contract are of the type  
11 typically or historically provided by public passenger transportation  
12 system employees covered by RCW 41.56.492; and

13 (b) The wages, pension, sick leave, vacation time, and other  
14 benefits to be provided to employees of the private entity are less  
15 than those provided to public passenger transportation system employees  
16 with the same or similar duties.

17 (2) Prior to entering into any contract or agreement whereby a  
18 private entity provides services to a public employer, the public  
19 employer shall notify all affected labor organizations of its intent to

1 enter into such contract or agreement, and provide the affected labor  
2 organizations with all relevant information regarding the proposed  
3 contract or agreement.

4 (3) Nothing in this section may be construed as limiting public  
5 employers' duties to bargain with labor organizations, as provided by  
6 this chapter.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
9 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
10 immediately.

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