
SENATE BILL 5936

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1 AN ACT Relating to creation of the trip reduction program; and
2 adding a new chapter to Title 47 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The trip reduction program is hereby
5 created. The purpose of the program is to provide incentive grants to
6 public and private entities for developing innovative projects and
7 programs that reduce the trips made by single-occupancy vehicles. The
8 transportation improvement board shall develop rules necessary to
9 implement the program.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The trip reduction program account is
11 hereby created in the transportation fund. The transportation
12 improvement board shall adopt rules and procedures to govern the
13 allocation of funds in the account when funds become available.

14 (2) The board shall allocate funds from the account by June 30th of
15 each year for the ensuing fiscal year and shall endeavor to provide
16 geographic diversity in selecting trip reduction projects or programs
17 to be funded from the account.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) To be eligible for funds from the trip
2 reduction program account, a project or program must:

3 (a) Be proposed by a business, traffic management area, nonprofit
4 organization, city, town, or county, and be partially funded by local
5 government or private contributions, or a combination of these
6 contributions; and

7 (b) Demonstrate how trip reductions will be achieved as a direct
8 result of the project or program.

9 (2) The transportation improvement board shall develop and
10 implement criteria for ranking trip reduction projects and shall
11 allocate funds from the trip reduction program account for projects or
12 programs that demonstrate innovation and yield measurable benefits.
13 The criteria may include, but are not limited to:

14 (a) Providing preferential parking, reduced parking charges, or
15 both, for high-occupancy vehicles;

16 (b) Instituting or increasing parking charges for single-occupancy
17 vehicles;

18 (c) Providing commuter-aided ride-matching services to facilitate
19 employee ride-sharing for commute trips;

20 (d) Providing subsidies for transit fares;

21 (e) Providing vans for van pools;

22 (f) Providing subsidies for car pooling and van pooling;

23 (g) Permitting the use of employers' vehicles for car pooling and
24 van pooling;

25 (h) Permitting flexible work schedules to facilitate employee use
26 of transit, car pools, or van pools;

27 (i) Cooperating with transportation providers to provide additional
28 regular or express service to the worksite;

29 (j) Providing a program of parking incentives, such as rebates for
30 employees who do not use parking facilities;

31 (k) Establishing a program to permit employees to work part or full
32 time at home, or at an alternative worksite closer to home;

33 (l) Establishing a program of alternative work schedules, such as
34 compressed work week schedules to reduce commuting; and

35 (m) Implementing other measures designed to facilitate the use of
36 high-occupancy vehicles, such as on-site day care facilities and
37 emergency taxi services.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The legislature intends for each regional
2 office within the department of transportation to propose innovative
3 transportation-demand management strategies to meet demands on existing
4 state infrastructure. To provide incentives, the corridor
5 transportation demand management program is hereby created. The
6 purpose of the program is to encourage corridor demand management
7 strategies for existing state transportation facilities.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department shall develop and implement
9 a program that provides incentive grants available to transportation
10 regions on a competitive basis. Funding for this grant program may be
11 derived from any fund source designated by the legislature, by specific
12 legislative appropriation, or through the administration of funds
13 within the department's discretion.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The department is authorized to adopt and
15 implement rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The pedestrian safety and access program is
17 hereby created. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to
18 counties, cities, towns, and other political subdivisions of the state
19 for constructing, maintaining, or promoting pedestrian facilities and
20 programs that contribute to pedestrian safety or improve pedestrian
21 access.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The pedestrian safety and access program
23 account is hereby created in the transportation fund. The
24 transportation improvement board shall adopt rules and procedures to
25 govern the allocation of funds in the account when funds become
26 available.

27 The board shall allocate funds from the account by June 30th of
28 each year for the ensuing fiscal year and shall endeavor to provide
29 geographic diversity in selecting pedestrian safety and pedestrian
30 access projects and programs to be funded from the account.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The transportation improvement board is
32 authorized to adopt rules necessary to implement the pedestrian safety
33 and access program.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The bicycle facilities program is hereby
2 created. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to counties,
3 cities, towns, and other political subdivisions of the state for
4 constructing, maintaining, or promoting bicycle facilities and programs
5 that contribute to bicycle safety, reduce congestion, or improve
6 bicycle facilities.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** The bicycle program account is hereby
8 created in the transportation fund. The transportation improvement
9 board shall adopt rules and procedures to govern the allocation of
10 funds in the account when funds become available.

11 The board shall allocate funds from the account by June 30th of
12 each year for the ensuing fiscal year and shall endeavor to provide
13 geographic diversity in selecting bicycle facilities projects and
14 programs to be funded from the account.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** The transportation improvement board is
16 authorized to adopt rules necessary to implement the bicycle facilities
17 program.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** Sections 1 through 12 of this act
19 constitute a new chapter in Title 47 RCW.

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