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Brief Description: Revising Public-Private Transportation Initiatives.

HB 2723.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that greater flexibility to provide state financing for projects developed under chapter 47.46 RCW will result in better use of public resources, lower financing costs, and potential savings to taxpayers.

Declares an intent to: Clarify the ability of the department of transportation to use public and private financing for projects selected and developed under chapter 47.46 RCW; provide the department with specific means of state financing where that financing is in the public's best interest; provide citizens living in the impacted areas a statutory mechanism to review proposed toll rates and provide input before adoption of toll schedules by the toll authority; and prevent unreasonable delay of critical transportation projects that are essential for public safety and welfare.

Establishes a legislative oversight committee to monitor and report on the progress, execution, and efficiency of design-build contracts issued under this act.