

5170-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Finkbeiner, Eide and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Encouraging telework.

**SB 5170-S2 - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 4/09/01)

Finds that telework has been found to reduce commute trips and provide flexibility for work-related travel. Additionally, telework enables employers to allow employees to work outside urban areas, which reduces commute trips while strengthening rural economies. Telework is a key component in a comprehensive transportation demand management package.

Requires the commute trip reduction task force to include a telework enhancement committee.

Directs the task force to develop procedures and criteria for allocation of funds for the telework enhancement projects and telework activities on a statewide basis to address the highest priorities for enhancing telework.

Requires the commute trip reduction task force to determine the effectiveness of this subcommittee as part of its ongoing evaluation of the commute trip reduction law and report to the legislature. The report must be incorporated into the recommendations required in RCW 70.94.537(5).

Creates the telework enhancement account in the state treasury. Such funds as the legislature directs or appropriates to the account will be deposited to the account. Moneys in the account may only be spent after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for telework enhancement projects.

Takes effect October 1, 2001.