
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5337

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By Senate Committee on Highways & Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Horn, Haugen and Rasmussen; by request of Office of Financial Management)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the agency council on coordinated
2 transportation; amending RCW 47.06B.015; and repealing RCW 47.06B.020,
3 47.06B.030, 47.06B.040, and 47.06B.900.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.06B.015 and 1999 c 385 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 In order to increase efficiency, to reduce waste and duplication,
8 to enable people to access social and health services, to provide a
9 basic level of mobility, and to extend and improve transportation
10 services to people with special transportation needs, the state shall
11 implement, to the extent that funds are appropriated, the Program for
12 Agency Coordinated Transportation. The program will improve
13 transportation efficiency and effectiveness to maximize the use of
14 community resources so that more people can be served within available
15 funding levels. If funds are available to the Program for Agency
16 Coordinated Transportation, an advisory group may be created to expend
17 the funds to facilitate the coordination of special needs
18 transportation. The state should seek funds from local and federal
19 sources for support of the program.

1 The Program for Agency Coordinated Transportation will facilitate
2 a statewide approach to coordination and will support the development
3 of community-based coordinated transportation systems that exhibit the
4 following characteristics:

5 (1) Organizations serving persons with special transportation needs
6 share responsibility for ensuring that customers can access services.

7 (2) There is a single entry process for customers to use to have
8 trips arranged and scheduled, so the customer does not have to contact
9 different locations based on which sponsoring agency or program is
10 paying for the trip.

11 (3) A process is in place so that when decisions are made by
12 service organizations on facility siting or program policy
13 implementation, the costs of client transportation and the potential
14 effects on the client transportation costs of other agencies or
15 programs are considered. Affected agencies are given an opportunity to
16 influence the decision if the potential impact is negative.

17 (4) Open local market mechanisms give all providers who meet
18 minimum standards an opportunity to participate in the program, and, in
19 addition, allow for cost comparisons so that purchasers can select the
20 least expensive trip most appropriate to the customer's needs.

21 (5) There is flexibility in using the available vehicles in a
22 community so that the ability to transport people is not restricted by
23 categorical claims to vehicles.

24 (6) There is maximum sharing of operating facilities and
25 administrative services, to avoid duplication of costly program
26 elements.

27 (7) Trip sponsors and service providers have agreed on a process
28 for allocating costs and billing when they share use of vehicles.

29 (8) Minimum standards exist for at least safety, driver training,
30 maintenance, vehicles, and technology to eliminate barriers that may
31 prevent sponsors from using each other's vehicles or serving each
32 other's clients.

33 (9) The system is user friendly. The fact that the system is
34 supported by a multitude of programs and agencies with different
35 eligibility, contracting, service delivery, payment, and funding
36 structures does not negatively affect the customer's ability to access
37 service.

1 (10) Support is provided for research, technology improvements, and
2 sharing of best practices from other communities, so that the system
3 can be continually improved.

4 (11) There are performance goals and an evaluation process that
5 leads to continuous system improvement.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
7 repealed:

8 (1) RCW 47.06B.020 (Agency council on coordinated transportation--
9 Creation, membership, staff) and 1998 c 173 s 2;

10 (2) RCW 47.06B.030 (Council--Duties) and 1999 c 385 s 5, 1999 c 372
11 s 13, & 1998 c 173 s 3;

12 (3) RCW 47.06B.040 (Local planning forums) and 1999 c 385 s 6; and

13 (4) RCW 47.06B.900 (Council--Termination) and 1999 c 385 s 7 & 1998
14 c 173 s 6.

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