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1 AN ACT Relating to signs on bus shelters; amending RCW 47.12.120
2 and 47.36.030; and adding a new section to chapter 47.36 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.36 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Local transit authority bus shelters within the right of way of
7 the state highway system may display and maintain commercial
8 advertisements subject to applicable federal regulations, if any.
9 Pursuant to RCW 47.12.120, the department may lease state right of way
10 air space to local transit authorities for this purpose, unless there
11 are significant safety concerns regarding the placement of certain
12 advertisements.

13 (2) Advertisements posted on a local transit authority's bus
14 shelter may not exceed twenty-four square feet on each side of the
15 panel. One back-to-back panel is allowed on the downstream side of the
16 shelter.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.12.120 and 1977 ex.s. c 151 s 50 are each amended
18 to read as follows:

1 The department (~~is authorized, subject to the provisions and~~
2 ~~requirements of zoning ordinances of political subdivisions of~~
3 ~~government, to~~) may rent or lease any lands, improvements, or air
4 space above or below any lands(~~(, including those used or to be used~~
5 ~~for both limited access and conventional highways which)) that are held
6 for highway purposes but are not presently needed(~~(,)~~). The rental or
7 lease:~~

8 (1) Must be upon such terms and conditions as the department may
9 determine;

10 (2) Is subject to the provisions and requirements of zoning
11 ordinances of political subdivisions of government;

12 (3) Includes lands used or to be used for both limited access and
13 conventional highways that otherwise meet the requirements of this
14 section; and

15 (4) In the case of bus shelters provided by a local transit
16 authority that include commercial advertising, may charge the transit
17 authority only for commercial space.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.36.030 and 1977 ex.s. c 151 s 61 are each amended
19 to read as follows:

20 The secretary of transportation shall have the power and it shall
21 be its duty to adopt and designate a uniform state standard for the
22 manufacture, display, erection, and location of all signs, signals,
23 signboards, guideposts, and other traffic devices erected or to be
24 erected upon the state highways of the state of Washington for the
25 purpose of furnishing information to persons traveling upon such state
26 highways regarding traffic regulations, directions, distances, points
27 of danger, and conditions requiring caution, and for the purpose of
28 imposing restrictions upon persons operating vehicles thereon. Such
29 signs shall conform as nearly as practicable to the manual of
30 specifications for the manufacture, display, and erection of uniform
31 traffic control devices for streets and highways and all amendments,
32 corrections, and additions thereto. The department of transportation
33 shall prepare plans and specifications of the uniform state standard of
34 traffic devices so adopted and designated, showing the materials,
35 colors, and designs thereof, and shall upon the issuance of any such
36 plans and specifications or revisions thereof and upon request, furnish
37 to the boards of county commissioners and the governing body of any

1 incorporated city or town, a copy thereof. Signs, signals, signboards,
2 guideposts, and other traffic devices erected on county roads shall
3 conform in all respects to the specifications of color, design, and
4 location approved by the secretary. Traffic devices hereafter erected
5 within incorporated cities and towns shall conform to such uniform
6 state standard of traffic devices so far as is practicable. The
7 uniform system must allow local transit authority bus shelters located
8 within the right of way of the state highway system to display and
9 maintain commercial advertisements subject to applicable federal
10 regulations, if any.

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