

3164-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Murray, Ericksen, Wallace, Jarrett, Sommers, Rockefeller, Woods, Ruderman, Hatfield, Morris, Cooper, G. Simpson and Hankins)

Brief Description: Enacting the Transportation Innovative Partnerships Act.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/27/04)

Finds that the public-private initiatives act created under chapter 47.46 RCW has not met the needs and expectations of the public or private sectors for the development of transportation projects.

Declares an intent to phase out chapter 47.46 RCW coincident with the completion of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge - SR 16 public-private partnership. From the effective date of this act, this legislation will provide a more desirable and effective approach to developing transportation projects in partnership with the private sector by applying lessons learned from other states and from this state's ten-year experience with chapter 47.46 RCW.

Creates the Transportation Innovative Partnerships Act for the planning, acquisition, financing, development, design, construction, reconstruction, replacement, improvement, maintenance, preservation, management, repair, and operation of transportation projects. The goals of this act are to: (1) Reduce the cost of transportation project delivery;

(2) Recover transportation investment costs;

(3) Develop an expedited project delivery process;

(4) Encourage business investment in public infrastructure;

(5) Use bonded indebtedness and lines of credit outside the state treasury, where financially advantageous and in the public interest;

(6) Maximize innovation; and

(7) Develop partnerships between private entities and units of government.

Provides that public sector partners may, either separately or in combination with any other public sector partner, enter into working agreements, coordination agreements, or similar implementation agreements, including the formation of bistate transportation organizations, to carry out the joint implementation of a transportation project selected under this act. Public sector partners may enter into agreements with other units of government or Canadian provinces for transborder transportation projects.