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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2124** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Murray, Jarrett, Simpson, Hudgins, Upthegrove, Sells, Wallace, Dickerson, B. Sullivan, Moeller, Kenney and Hasegawa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing state participation in public
2 transportation service and planning; amending RCW 47.66.030 and
3 47.66.040; adding new sections to chapter 47.01 RCW; adding a new
4 section to chapter 47.66 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state needs
7 to reestablish itself as a leader in public transportation.

8 The legislature also finds that increased demands on transportation
9 resources require increased coordination among public transportation
10 service providers.

11 The legislature also finds that the efficiency of transportation
12 corridors would be enhanced by a more proactive and integrated approach
13 to public transportation service delivery and planning.

14 The legislature also finds that the state department of
15 transportation is in the unique position of being able to improve
16 connectivity between service territories of transit agencies and modes
17 of transportation.

18 The legislature also finds that the state should be a center of

1 excellence in public transportation planning and research and providing
2 technical assistance to transit agencies serving urban, suburban, and
3 rural areas.

4 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature that the state
5 department of transportation be a leader in public transportation. The
6 department shall play a guiding role in coordinating decentralized
7 public transportation services, increasing connectivity between them,
8 advocating for public transportation as a means to increase corridor
9 efficiency, and increasing the integration of public transportation and
10 the highway system.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) The secretary shall establish an office of transit mobility.
14 The purpose of the office is to facilitate the integration of
15 decentralized public transportation services with the state
16 transportation system. The goals of the office of transit mobility
17 are: (a) To facilitate connection and coordination of transit services
18 and planning; and (b) maximizing opportunities to use public
19 transportation to improve the efficiency of transportation corridors.

20 (2) The duties of the office include, but are not limited to, the
21 following:

22 (a) Developing a statewide strategic plan that creates common goals
23 for transit agencies and reduces competing plans for cross-
24 jurisdictional service;

25 (b) Developing a park and ride lot program;

26 (c) Encouraging long-range transit planning;

27 (d) Providing public transportation expertise to improve linkages
28 between regional transportation planning organizations and transit
29 agencies;

30 (e) Strengthening policies for inclusion of transit and
31 transportation demand management strategies in route development,
32 corridor plan standards, and budget proposals;

33 (f) Recommending best practices to integrate transit and demand
34 management strategies with regional and local land use plans in order
35 to reduce traffic and improve mobility and access;

36 (g) Producing recommendations for the public transportation section
37 of the Washington transportation plan; and

1 (h) Participating in all aspects of corridor planning, including
2 freight planning, ferry system planning, and passenger rail planning.

3 (3) In forming the office, the secretary shall use existing
4 resources to the greatest extent possible.

5 (4) The office of transit mobility shall establish measurable
6 performance objectives for evaluating the success of its initiatives
7 and progress toward accomplishing the overall goals of the office.

8 (5) The office of transit mobility must report quarterly to the
9 secretary, and annually to the transportation committees of the
10 legislature, on the progress of the office in meeting the goals and
11 duties provided in this section.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 Local and regional transportation agencies shall adopt common
15 transportation goals. The office of transit mobility shall review
16 local and regional transportation plans, including plans required under
17 RCW 35.58.2795, 36.70A.070(6), 36.70A.210, and 47.80.023, to provide
18 for the efficient integration of multimodal and multijurisdictional
19 transportation planning.

20 **Sec. 4.** RCW 47.66.030 and 1996 c 49 s 3 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (1)((+a)) ~~The ((transportation improvement board is authorized and~~
23 ~~responsible for the final selection of programs and projects funded~~
24 ~~from the central Puget Sound public transportation account; public~~
25 ~~transportation systems account; and the intermodal surface~~
26 ~~transportation and efficiency act of 1991, surface transportation~~
27 ~~program, statewide competitive)) department shall establish a regional~~
28 mobility grant program. The purpose of the grant program is to aid
29 local governments in funding projects such as intercounty connectivity
30 service, park and ride lots, rush hour transit service, and capital
31 projects that improve the connectivity and efficiency of our
32 transportation system. The department shall identify cost-effective
33 projects that reduce delay for people and goods and improve
34 connectivity between counties and regional population centers. The
35 department shall submit a prioritized list of all projects requesting
36 funding to the legislature by December 1st of each year.

1 ~~((b))~~ (2) The ~~((board))~~ department may establish ~~((subcommittees~~
2 ~~as well as technical))~~ an advisory committee~~((s))~~ to carry out the
3 mandates of this chapter.

4 ~~((2) Expenses of the board, including administrative expenses for~~
5 ~~managing the program, shall be paid in accordance with RCW 47.26.140.)~~

6 (3) The department must report annually to the transportation
7 committees of the legislature on the status of any grants projects
8 funded by the program created under this section.

9 **Sec. 5.** RCW 47.66.040 and 1995 c 269 s 2606 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) The ~~((transportation improvement board))~~ department shall
12 select ~~((programs and))~~ projects based on a competitive process
13 ~~((consistent with the mandates governing each account or source of~~
14 ~~funds))~~. The competition shall be consistent with the following
15 criteria:

16 (a) Local, regional, and state transportation plans;

17 (b) Local transit development plans; and

18 (c) Local comprehensive land use plans.

19 (2) The following criteria shall be considered by the ~~((board))~~
20 department in selecting programs and projects:

21 (a) Objectives of the growth management act, the high capacity
22 transportation act, the commute trip reduction act, transportation
23 demand management programs, federal and state air quality requirements,
24 and federal Americans with Disabilities Act and related state
25 accessibility requirements; and

26 (b) Enhancing the efficiency of regional corridors in moving people
27 among jurisdictions and modes of transportation, energy efficiency
28 issues, reducing delay for people and goods, freight and goods movement
29 as related to economic development, regional significance, rural
30 isolation, the leveraging of other funds ~~((including funds administered~~
31 ~~by this board))~~, and safety and security issues.

32 (3) The ~~((board))~~ department shall determine the appropriate level
33 of local match required for each ~~((program and))~~ project based on the
34 source of funds.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 47.66 RCW
36 to read as follows:

1 Beginning in 2005, and every other year thereafter, the department
2 shall examine the division's existing grant programs, and the methods
3 used to allocate grant funds, to determine the program's effectiveness,
4 and whether the methods used to allocate funds result in an equitable
5 distribution of the grants. The department shall submit a report of
6 the findings to the transportation committees of the legislature.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If Senate Bill No. 6103 is not enacted by
8 June 30, 2005, this act is null and void.

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