

SSB 5803 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

1 Strike all material after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** FINDINGS. The legislature finds that:

4 (1) In 2006, the regional transportation commission was created
5 and tasked with evaluating transportation governance in the central
6 Puget Sound area within the jurisdiction of the puget sound
7 regional council, and with developing options for a new regional
8 transportation governance proposal. The commission's 2006 report
9 to the legislature strongly recommended creating a regional
10 governance entity that has authority over the planning,
11 prioritizing, and funding of regional projects in the area.

12 (2) The existing approach to transportation governance could be
13 strengthened and improved such that a more coordinated effort is
14 made to maintain our transportation infrastructure and road and
15 transit capacity, as well as provide for planning and funding of
16 transportation, that increases public confidence in governmental
17 ability to solve transportation problems.

18 (3) While establishing a regional governance entity would help
19 streamline decision-making, reduce congestion, and integrate
20 multimodal transportation planning and prioritization in the
21 region, such an undertaking is complex and there is considerable
22 value in continuing to examine relevant issues as we take steps
23 towards establishing a regional governance entity.

24 (4) A more unified regional transportation governance structure
25 in the central Puget Sound region would result in improved
26 planning, funding, and prioritization of roads and transit systems,
27 and would better meet the current and future needs of the state."

28 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Strikes all material in the underlying bill. Makes findings related to regional governance, including the finding that a more unified regional transportation governance structure in the central Puget Sound region would result in improved planning, funding, and prioritization of roads and transit systems, and would better meet the current and future needs of the state.