

HB 1313 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 47.76.240 and 1995 c 380 s 5 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 The state, counties, local communities, ports, railroads, labor,
6 and shippers all benefit from continuation of rail service and should
7 participate in its preservation. Lines that provide benefits to the
8 state and local jurisdictions, such as avoided roadway costs, reduced
9 traffic congestion, economic development potential, environmental
10 protection, and safety, should be assisted through the joint efforts of
11 the state, local jurisdictions, and the private sector.

12 State funding for rail service, rail preservation, and corridor
13 preservation projects must benefit the state's interests. The state's
14 interest is served by reducing public roadway maintenance and repair
15 costs, increasing economic development opportunities, increasing
16 domestic and international trade, preserving jobs, and enhancing
17 safety. State funding for projects is contingent upon appropriate
18 local jurisdiction and private sector participation and cooperation.
19 Before spending state moneys on projects the department shall seek
20 federal, local, and private funding and participation to the greatest
21 extent possible.

22 (1) The department of transportation shall continue to monitor the
23 status of the state's mainline and branchline common carrier railroads
24 and preserved rail corridors through the state rail plan and various
25 analyses, and shall seek alternatives to abandonment prior to
26 ~~((interstate—commerce—commission))~~ proceedings of the surface
27 transportation board, or its successor agency, where feasible.

28 (2) The ~~((utilities—and))~~ transportation commission ~~((shall))~~ may
29 intervene in ~~((interstate—commerce—commission))~~ proceedings ~~((on~~
30 ~~abandonments))~~ of the surface transportation board, or its successor

1 agency, regarding abandonment of lines, or rates, fares, charges,
2 classifications, practices, or rules in relation to the transportation
3 of persons or property in this state that are excessive or
4 discriminatory, when necessary((7)) to protect the state's interest.
5 The transportation commission shall consult with the utilities and
6 transportation commission regarding railroad safety impacts when
7 considering intervention.

8 (3) The department of transportation, in consultation with the
9 Washington state freight rail policy advisory committee, shall
10 establish criteria for evaluating rail projects and corridors of
11 significance to the state.

12 (4) Local jurisdictions may implement rail service preservation
13 projects in the absence of state participation.

14 (5) The department of transportation shall continue to monitor
15 projects for which it provides assistance.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. RCW 81.28.250 (Commission may complain of
17 interstate rates) and 1961 c 14 s 81.28.250 are each repealed."

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18 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "matters;" strike the
19 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 47.76.240; and
20 repealing RCW 81.28.250."

EFFECT: Authority to intervene in proceedings of the Surface
Transportation Board is transferred from the Utilities and
Transportation Commission to the Washington State Transportation
Commission rather than the Department of Transportation.

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