
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3224

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2008 Regular Session

By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Loomis, Hunter, Sells, and Liias)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a feasibility study on commuter rail services;
2 creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The regional transit authority serving
5 the Puget Sound region shall work in conjunction with the Puget Sound
6 regional council to review existing studies and consider other relevant
7 information for the purpose of determining whether commuter rail
8 service between eastern Snohomish county and eastern King county, based
9 on commuter needs, can be a meaningful component of the region's future
10 transportation system. A feasibility study must be conducted if the
11 initial review does not provide sufficient information to:

12 (a) Assess how many riders might be attracted to commuter rail
13 service in this region;

14 (b) Identify and evaluate which locations would most benefit from
15 commuter rail service;

16 (c) Identify and evaluate potential station sites;

17 (d) Provide a general analysis of the ability of the existing rail
18 lines and sections to accommodate commuter rail service, the effect of

1 this service on existing and planned rail and freight operations, and
2 an estimate of how tourism in the region might be affected;

3 (e) Estimate costs for establishing a concurrent bicycle and
4 pedestrian pathway along or near the Woodinville subdivision; and

5 (f) Identify which portions of the existing railroad sections would
6 be most beneficial and cost-effective to develop for commuter rail
7 service.

8 (2) The authority and council shall submit a joint report on the
9 results of their initial review and any feasibility study to the
10 transportation committees of the house of representatives and senate by
11 February 1, 2009.

12 (3) This section expires December 31, 2009.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
14 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
15 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus transportation appropriations act, this
16 act is null and void.

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