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**ESHB 2190** - S AMD TO S-5295.1 **285**

By Senators Benton, King, Haugen

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 On page 10, after line 2 of the amendment, insert the following:

 "(6) The Columbia River Crossing bridge project is a major

initiative to address congestion problems on I-5 between Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington that requires support by not only the Governors of both states but the Legislatures as well. The joint transportation committee must convene a subcommittee for legislative oversight of the I-5/Columbia River Crossing bridge replacement project. The Columbia River Crossing legislative oversight subcommittee will be made up of six members, two appointed by the chair and ranking member of the Senate transportation committee, two appointed by the chair and ranking member of the House transportation committee, one designee of the Governor, and one citizen jointly appointed by the four members of the joint transportation executive committee. The citizen appointee must be a Washington state resident of the area served by the bridge. At least two of the legislative members must be from the legislative districts served by the bridge. In addition to reviewing project and financing information, the subcommittee must also coordinate with the Oregon legislative oversight committee for the Columbia River Crossing bridge."

 On page 49, after line 12 of the amendment, insert the following:

 "(c) The Washington state department of transportation budget

includes resources to continue work on solutions that advance the Columbia River Crossing project to completion of the required environmental impact statement. The department must report to the Columbia River Crossing legislative oversight subcommittee of the joint transportation committee, established in section 204(5) of this act, on the progress made on the Columbia River Crossing project at each meeting of the oversight committee. Reporting must include updated information on cost estimates, right-of-way purchases and procurement schedules, and financing plans for the Columbia River crossing project, including projected traffic volumes, fuel and gas price assumptions, toll rates, costs of toll collections, as well as potential need for general transportation funding. By January 1, 2013, the department shall provide to the oversight subcommittee of the joint transportation committee a phased master plan for the Columbia River crossing project."

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|  |  EFFECT:   Directs the Joint Transportation Committee to convene a Columbia River Crossing (CRC) Oversight subcommittee. Thesubcommittee will have four legislative members, a designee of theGovernor, and a citizen appointee. The citizen appointee and two ofthe legislative appointees must be residents of the area served bythe bridge. Directs the Department of Transportation to report onthe progress of the CRC project at each meeting of the Oversightsubcommittee. Reporting is required on cost estimates, right of waypurchases, financing plans, projected traffic volumes, assumed tollrates, and other information. Requires DOT to provide a phasedmaster plan for the CRC project. |

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