

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

By Senators Benton, King, Haugen

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

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

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

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24 "(c) The Washington state department of transportation budget  
25 includes resources to continue work on solutions that advance the  
26 Columbia River Crossing project to completion of the required  
27 environmental impact statement. The department must report to the  
Columbia River Crossing legislative oversight subcommittee of the

1 joint transportation committee, established in section 204(5) of  
2 this act, on the progress made on the Columbia River Crossing  
3 project at each meeting of the oversight committee. Reporting must  
4 include updated information on cost estimates, right-of-way  
5 purchases and procurement schedules, and financing plans for the  
6 Columbia River crossing project, including projected traffic  
7 volumes, fuel and gas price assumptions, toll rates, costs of toll  
8 collections, as well as potential need for general transportation  
9 funding. By January 1, 2013, the department shall provide to the  
10 oversight subcommittee of the joint transportation committee a  
11 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. The subcommittee will have four legislative members, a designee of the Governor, and a citizen appointee. The citizen appointee and two of the legislative appointees must be residents of the area served by the bridge. Directs the Department of Transportation to report on the progress of the CRC project at each meeting of the Oversight subcommittee. Reporting is required on cost estimates, right of way purchases, financing plans, projected traffic volumes, assumed toll rates, and other information. Requires DOT to provide a phased master plan for the CRC project.

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