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1            AN ACT Relating to the reporting of highway construction project  
2 errors; and adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            The department shall submit a report to the legislature detailing  
7 engineering errors on highway construction projects resulting in  
8 project cost increases in excess of five hundred thousand dollars.

9            (1) The department's report must include an assessment and review  
10 of:

11            (a) How the engineering error happened;

12            (b) Who was responsible for the engineering error; and

13            (c) What disciplinary action was taken.

14            (2) If the error resulted in a project cost increase in excess of  
15 one million dollars, the report must also assess:

16            (a) Why the responsible department employee or employees were not  
17 terminated; and

18            (b) What action the secretary recommends to avoid similar errors in  
19 the future.

1           (3) If the legislature finds that the actions taken by the  
2 secretary were inadequate, the legislature may take additional action  
3 to correct the problem.

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