HOUSE BILL 1406

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to directing the office of financial management
- 2 to take action when the legislature fails to fully fund a bistate
- 3 megaproject; adding a new section to chapter 47.28 RCW; and creating
- 4 a new section.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The development of a bistate megaproject
- 7 takes years of hard work and difficult decisions. Once a megaproject
- 8 has reached the stage in its development when the federal government
- 9 has issued a record of decision, the megaproject must move forward.
- 10 To allow otherwise is to waste tens of millions of dollars of
- 11 taxpayer money, destroy bistate relationships and trust, and stall
- 12 economic growth and productivity in the entire region.
- 13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.28
- 14 RCW to read as follows:
- 15 (1) As used in this section, "bistate megaproject" means a
- 16 highway construction project valued at five hundred million dollars
- 17 or more that extends across the border between Washington and another
- 18 state.
- 19 (2) If the legislature fails to adopt a financing plan that
- 20 identifies the sources of funding to complete a bistate megaproject

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- 1 that has received a record of decision from the federal government by
- 2 the next ensuing regular legislative session following the state's
- 3 receipt of the record of decision, the office of financial management
- 4 must reallocate funds from planned and budgeted transportation
- 5 projects that are not currently under construction sufficient to
- 6 completely construct the bistate megaproject.

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