
SENATE BILL 5988

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session

By Senators King, Hobbs, Fain, Llias, and Litzow

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1 AN ACT Relating to additive transportation funding and
2 appropriations; amending RCW 46.68.030, 46.68.280, 46.68.290, and
3 47.60.530; creating new sections; making appropriations; and
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) An additive transportation budget of
7 the state is hereby adopted and, subject to the provisions set forth,
8 the several amounts specified, or as much thereof as may be necessary
9 to accomplish the purposes designated, are hereby appropriated from
10 the several accounts and funds named to the designated state agencies
11 and offices for employee compensation and other expenses, for capital
12 projects, and for other specified purposes, including the payment of
13 any final judgments arising out of such activities, for the period
14 ending June 30, 2017.

15 (2) It is the intent of the legislature that the funding levels
16 specified in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-2 as developed
17 February 10, 2015, represents a commitment to provide appropriations
18 to the agencies, programs, and activities at the amounts identified
19 therein through fiscal year 2031.

20 (3) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the
21 definitions in this subsection apply throughout this act.

- 1 (a) "Fiscal year 2016" or "FY 2016" means the fiscal year ending
 2 June 30, 2016.
- 3 (b) "Fiscal year 2017" or "FY 2017" means the fiscal year ending
 4 June 30, 2017.
- 5 (c) "FTE" means full-time equivalent.
- 6 (d) "Lapse" or "revert" means the amount shall return to an
 7 unappropriated status.
- 8 (e) "Provided solely" means the specified amount may be spent
 9 only for the specified purpose. Unless otherwise specifically
 10 authorized in this act, any portion of an amount provided solely for
 11 a specified purpose that is not expended subject to the specified
 12 conditions and limitations to fulfill the specified purpose shall
 13 lapse.
- 14 (f) "Reappropriation" means appropriation and, unless the context
 15 clearly provides otherwise, is subject to the relevant conditions and
 16 limitations applicable to appropriations.
- 17 (g) "LEAP" means the legislative evaluation and accountability
 18 program committee.
- 19 (h) "TEIS" means the transportation executive information system.

20 **2015-2017 FISCAL BIENNIUM**
 21 **TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES—OPERATING**

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 201. FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL**
 23 State Patrol Highway Account—State Appropriation. \$15,000,000

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 202. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING**
 25 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. \$22,000,000

26 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
 27 conditions and limitations: \$22,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—
 28 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of
 29 chapter . . . (Senate Bill No.. . . (S-1301/15)) (transportation
 30 revenue), Laws of 2015.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 203. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
 32 **ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIPS—PROGRAM K**
 33 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. \$250,000
 34 Transportation Innovative Partnership
 35 Account—State Appropriation. \$6,000,000

1 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$6,250,000

2 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
3 conditions and limitations:

4 (1) \$250,000 of the motor vehicle account—state appropriation is
5 provided solely for the department to provide compensation for the
6 expert review panel established in chapter . . . (Senate Bill No.
7 S-0368/15), Laws of 2015. If chapter . . . (Senate Bill No.
8 S-0368/15), Laws of 2015 is not enacted by June 30, 2015, the amount
9 provided in this subsection lapses.

10 (2) \$6,000,000 of the transportation innovative partnership
11 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the purpose of
12 capitalizing the Washington electric vehicle infrastructure bank.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 204. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
14 **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE—PROGRAM M**

15 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. \$6,250,000

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 205. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
17 **TRAFFIC OPERATIONS—PROGRAM Q**

18 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation \$3,125,000

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 206. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
20 **TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT—PROGRAM S**

21 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. \$200,000

22 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
23 conditions and limitations: \$200,000 of the motor vehicle account—
24 state appropriation is provided solely for the helmets to hardhats
25 program state coordinator position at the department to provide
26 veterans with skilled training and employment in the construction
27 industry as required in (Senate Bill No.... (S-1378/15)), Laws of
28 2015. If chapter . . . (Senate Bill No.... (S-1378/15)), Laws of 2015
29 is not enacted by June 30, 2015, the amount provided in this
30 subsection lapses.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 207. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
32 **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION—PROGRAM V**

33 Regional Mobility Grant Program Account—State
34 Appropriation. \$8,750,000

1	Rural Mobility Grant Program Account—State	
2	Appropriation.	\$5,625,000
3	Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation. .	\$16,000,000
4	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	\$30,375,000

5 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
6 conditions and limitations:

7 (1) \$4,687,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
8 appropriation is provided solely for the projects and activities as
9 listed by fund, project, and amount in LEAP Transportation Document
10 2015 NL-1 as developed February 10, 2015, Program - Public
11 Transportation Program (V).

12 (2) \$10,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
13 appropriation is provided solely for a grant program for special
14 needs transportation provided by transit agencies and nonprofit
15 providers of transportation. Of this amount:

16 (a) \$2,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
17 appropriation is provided solely for grants to nonprofit providers of
18 special needs transportation. Grants for nonprofit providers must be
19 based on need, including the availability of other providers of
20 service in the area, efforts to coordinate trips among providers and
21 riders, and the cost effectiveness of trips provided.

22 (b) \$8,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
23 appropriation is provided solely for grants to transit agencies to
24 transport persons with special transportation needs. To receive a
25 grant, the transit agency must, to the greatest extent practicable,
26 have a maintenance of effort for special needs transportation that is
27 no less than the previous year's maintenance of effort for special
28 needs transportation. Grants for transit agencies must be prorated
29 based on the amount expended for demand response service and route
30 deviated service in calendar year 2013 as reported in the "Summary of
31 Public Transportation - 2013" published by the department of
32 transportation. No transit agency may receive more than thirty
33 percent of these distributions.

34 (3) \$5,625,000 of the rural mobility grant program account—state
35 appropriation is provided solely for grants to aid small cities in
36 rural areas as prescribed in RCW 47.66.100.

37 (4) \$1,313,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
38 appropriation is provided solely for a vanpool grant program for: (a)
39 Public transit agencies to add vanpools or replace vans; and (b)

1 incentives for employers to increase employee vanpool use. The grant
2 program for public transit agencies must cover capital costs only.
3 Operating costs for public transit agencies are not eligible for
4 funding under this grant program. Additional employees may not be
5 hired from the funds provided in this section for the vanpool grant
6 program, and supplanting of transit funds currently funding vanpools
7 is not allowed. The department must encourage grant applicants and
8 recipients to leverage funds other than state funds.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 208. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
10 **MARINE—PROGRAM X**

11 Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—State
12 Appropriation. \$15,625,000

13 **TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES—CAPITAL**

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 301. FOR THE FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC**
15 **INVESTMENT BOARD**

16 Freight Mobility Investment Account—State Appropriation. . \$3,906,000
17 Freight Mobility Multimodal Account—State Appropriation. . \$3,906,000
18 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$7,812,000

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 302. FOR THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

20 Transportation Improvement Account—State Appropriation. . \$3,375,000

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 303. FOR THE COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

22 Rural Arterial Trust Account—State Appropriation. \$1,688,000
23 County Arterial Preservation Account—State Appropriation. \$1,687,000
24 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$3,375,000

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 304. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
26 **FACILITIES—PROGRAM D—(DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-ONLY PROJECTS)**

27 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$21,000,000

28 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
29 conditions and limitations:

30 (1) The entire connecting Washington account appropriation is
31 provided solely for the projects and activities as listed by fund,
32 project, and amount in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as

1 developed February 10, 2015, Program - Highway Management and
2 Facilities Program (D).

3 (2) The department must work with the office of financial
4 management's facilities oversight program to develop a revised
5 predesign for a new Olympic region facility, with an estimated total
6 cost of no more than forty million dollars. Priority must be given to
7 accommodating the maintenance and operations functions of the Olympic
8 region. The department must provide a copy of the revised predesign
9 to the transportation committees of the legislature by December 2015.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 305. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
11 **IMPROVEMENTS—PROGRAM I**

12	Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . .	\$224,524,000
13	Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation. . .	\$23,750,000
14	TOTAL APPROPRIATION.	\$248,274,000

15 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
16 conditions and limitations:

17 (1) The entire connecting Washington account appropriation is
18 provided solely for the projects and activities as listed by fund,
19 project, and amount in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as
20 developed February 10, 2015, Program - Highway Improvements Program
21 (I).

22 (2) \$17,500,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
23 appropriation is provided solely for the removal of fish culverts.

24 (3) \$6,250,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
25 appropriation is provided solely for storm water retrofits.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 306. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
27 **PRESERVATION—PROGRAM P**

28	Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . .	\$76,563,000
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29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 307. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
30 **WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES CONSTRUCTION—PROGRAM W**

31	Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . .	\$86,000,000
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32 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
33 conditions and limitations: The entire connecting Washington account
34 appropriation in this section is provided solely for the projects and
35 activities as listed in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as

1 developed February 10, 2015, Program - Washington State Ferries
2 Capital Program (W).

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 308. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
4 **RAIL—PROGRAM Y**

5 Multimodal Transportation Account—State
6 Appropriation. \$11,310,000

7 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
8 conditions and limitations: The entire appropriation in this section
9 is provided solely for the projects and activities as listed in LEAP
10 Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as developed February 10, 2015,
11 Program - Rail Capital Program (Y).

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 309. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
13 **LOCAL PROGRAMS—PROGRAM Z**

14 Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation. . \$16,625,000
15 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$13,231,000
16 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$29,856,000

17 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
18 conditions and limitations:

19 (1) The entire connecting Washington account appropriation is
20 provided solely for the projects and activities as listed by fund,
21 project, and amount in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as
22 developed February 10, 2015, Program - Local Programs (Z).

23 (2) \$3,125,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
24 appropriation is provided solely for the pedestrian and bicycle
25 safety program.

26 (3) \$3,500,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
27 appropriation is provided solely for the safe routes to school
28 program.

29 (4) \$10,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
30 appropriation is provided solely for the complete streets program.

31 **TRANSFERS AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 401. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—ADMINISTRATIVE**
33 **TRANSFERS**

34 (1) State Patrol Highway Account—State Appropriation:

1 For transfer to the Connecting Washington Account—State. . \$9,460,000
2 (2) Transportation Partnership Account—State
3 Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting Washington
4 Account—State. \$4,880,000
5 (3) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
6 For transfer to the Connecting Washington Account—
7 State. \$25,160,000
8 (4) Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—State
9 Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting Washington
10 Account—State. \$580,000
11 (5) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
12 Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting
13 Washington Account—State. \$55,000,000
14 (6) Transportation 2003 Transportation (Nickel)
15 Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to the
16 Connecting Washington Account—State. \$59,861,000
17 (7) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
18 Appropriation: For transfer to the Puget Sound
19 Ferry Operations Account—State. \$15,625,000
20 (8) Highway Safety Account—State Appropriation:
21 For transfer to the Multimodal Transportation
22 Account—State. \$91,963,000
23 (9) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
24 For transfer to the State Patrol Highway Account—State. . \$7,500,000
25 (10) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
26 For transfer to the Freight Mobility Investment
27 Account—State. \$3,906,000
28 (11) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
29 For transfer to the Transportation Improvement
30 Account—State. \$3,375,000
31 (12) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
32 For transfer to the Rural Arterial Trust Account—State. . \$1,688,000
33 (13) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
34 For transfer to the County Arterial Preservation
35 Account—State. \$1,688,000
36 (14) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
37 Appropriation: For transfer to the Freight Mobility
38 Multimodal Account—State. \$3,906,000

1 (15) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
 2 Appropriation: For transfer to the Regional Mobility
 3 Grant Program Account—State. \$8,750,000
 4 (16) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
 5 Appropriation: For transfer to the Rural Mobility
 6 Grant Program Account—State. \$5,625,000
 7 (17) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
 8 Appropriation: For transfer to the Transportation
 9 Innovative Partnership Account—State. \$6,000,000
 10 (18) Environmental Legacy Stewardship Account—State
 11 Appropriation: For transfer to the Multimodal
 12 Transportation Account—State. \$13,000,000

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 402. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—STATE REVENUES**
 14 **FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CITIES AND COUNTIES**

15 Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation:
 16 For distribution to cities and counties. \$23,438,000

17 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
 18 conditions and limitations: The amount provided must be allocated
 19 between cities and counties using proportionate shares that are
 20 consistent with the total amount of fuel tax revenue distributed
 21 under RCW 46.68.090 to cities and counties. Funds credited to cities
 22 must be allocated under RCW 46.68.110(4). Funds credited to counties
 23 must be allocated under RCW 46.68.120(4). Expenditures from these
 24 funds may be used only for transportation purposes.

25 **MISCELLANEOUS**

26 **Sec. 501.** RCW 46.68.030 and 2011 c 171 s 85 are each amended to
 27 read as follows:

28 (1) The director shall forward all fees for vehicle registrations
 29 under chapters 46.16A and 46.17 RCW, unless otherwise specified by
 30 law, to the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
 31 report. The state treasurer shall credit these moneys to the motor
 32 vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

33 (2) Proceeds from vehicle license fees and renewal vehicle
 34 license fees must be deposited by the state treasurer as follows:

35 (a) \$20.35 of each initial or renewal vehicle license fee must be
 36 deposited in the state patrol highway account in the motor vehicle

1 fund, hereby created. Vehicle license fees, renewal vehicle license
2 fees, and all other funds in the state patrol highway account must be
3 for the sole use of the Washington state patrol for highway
4 activities of the Washington state patrol, subject to proper
5 appropriations and reappropriations.

6 (b) \$2.02 of each initial vehicle license fee and \$0.93 of each
7 renewal vehicle license fee must be deposited each biennium in the
8 Puget Sound ferry operations account.

9 (c) Any remaining amounts of vehicle license fees and renewal
10 vehicle license fees that are not distributed otherwise under this
11 section must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

12 (3) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may
13 transfer from the state patrol highway account to the connecting
14 Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of
15 the state patrol highway account.

16 **Sec. 502.** RCW 46.68.280 and 2003 c 361 s 601 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) The transportation 2003 account (nickel account) is hereby
19 created in the motor vehicle fund. Money in the account may be spent
20 only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account must be used
21 only for projects or improvements identified as transportation 2003
22 projects or improvements in the omnibus transportation budget and to
23 pay the principal and interest on the bonds authorized for
24 transportation 2003 projects or improvements. Upon completion of the
25 projects or improvements identified as transportation 2003 projects
26 or improvements, moneys deposited in this account must only be used
27 to pay the principal and interest on the bonds authorized for
28 transportation 2003 projects or improvements, and any funds in the
29 account in excess of the amount necessary to make the principal and
30 interest payments may be used for maintenance on the completed
31 projects or improvements.

32 (2) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may
33 transfer from the transportation 2003 account (nickel account) to the
34 connecting Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund
35 balance of the transportation 2003 account (nickel account).

36 (3) The "nickel account" means the transportation 2003 account.

37 **Sec. 503.** RCW 46.68.290 and 2006 c 337 s 5 are each amended to
38 read as follows:

1 (1) The transportation partnership account is hereby created in
2 the state treasury. All distributions to the account from RCW
3 46.68.090 must be deposited into the account. Money in the account
4 may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account
5 must be used only for projects or improvements identified as 2005
6 transportation partnership projects or improvements in the omnibus
7 transportation appropriations act, including any principal and
8 interest on bonds authorized for the projects or improvements.

9 (2) The legislature finds that:

10 (a) Citizens demand and deserve accountability of transportation-
11 related programs and expenditures. Transportation-related programs
12 must continuously improve in quality, efficiency, and effectiveness
13 in order to increase public trust;

14 (b) Transportation-related agencies that receive tax dollars must
15 continuously improve the way they operate and deliver services so
16 citizens receive maximum value for their tax dollars; and

17 (c) Fair, independent, comprehensive performance audits of
18 transportation-related agencies overseen by the elected state auditor
19 are essential to improving the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness
20 of the state's transportation system.

21 (3) For purposes of chapter 314, Laws of 2005:

22 (a) "Performance audit" means an objective and systematic
23 assessment of a state agency or agencies or any of their programs,
24 functions, or activities by the state auditor or designee in order to
25 help improve agency efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability.
26 Performance audits include economy and efficiency audits and program
27 audits.

28 (b) "Transportation-related agency" means any state agency,
29 board, or commission that receives funding primarily for
30 transportation-related purposes. At a minimum, the department of
31 transportation, the transportation improvement board or its successor
32 entity, the county road administration board or its successor entity,
33 and the traffic safety commission are considered transportation-
34 related agencies. The Washington state patrol and the department of
35 licensing shall not be considered transportation-related agencies
36 under chapter 314, Laws of 2005.

37 (4) Within the authorities and duties under chapter 43.09 RCW,
38 the state auditor shall establish criteria and protocols for
39 performance audits. Transportation-related agencies shall be audited
40 using criteria that include generally accepted government auditing

1 standards as well as legislative mandates and performance objectives
2 established by state agencies. Mandates include, but are not limited
3 to, agency strategies, timelines, program objectives, and mission and
4 goals as required in RCW 43.88.090.

5 (5) Within the authorities and duties under chapter 43.09 RCW,
6 the state auditor may conduct performance audits for transportation-
7 related agencies. The state auditor shall contract with private firms
8 to conduct the performance audits.

9 (6) The audits may include:

10 (a) Identification of programs and services that can be
11 eliminated, reduced, consolidated, or enhanced;

12 (b) Identification of funding sources to the transportation-
13 related agency, to programs, and to services that can be eliminated,
14 reduced, consolidated, or enhanced;

15 (c) Analysis of gaps and overlaps in programs and services and
16 recommendations for improving, dropping, blending, or separating
17 functions to correct gaps or overlaps;

18 (d) Analysis and recommendations for pooling information
19 technology systems used within the transportation-related agency, and
20 evaluation of information processing and telecommunications policy,
21 organization, and management;

22 (e) Analysis of the roles and functions of the transportation-
23 related agency, its programs, and its services and their compliance
24 with statutory authority and recommendations for eliminating or
25 changing those roles and functions and ensuring compliance with
26 statutory authority;

27 (f) Recommendations for eliminating or changing statutes, rules,
28 and policy directives as may be necessary to ensure that the
29 transportation-related agency carry out reasonably and properly those
30 functions vested in the agency by statute;

31 (g) Verification of the reliability and validity of
32 transportation-related agency performance data, self-assessments, and
33 performance measurement systems as required under RCW 43.88.090;

34 (h) Identification of potential cost savings in the
35 transportation-related agency, its programs, and its services;

36 (i) Identification and recognition of best practices;

37 (j) Evaluation of planning, budgeting, and program evaluation
38 policies and practices;

39 (k) Evaluation of personnel systems operation and management;

1 (l) Evaluation of purchasing operations and management policies
2 and practices;

3 (m) Evaluation of organizational structure and staffing levels,
4 particularly in terms of the ratio of managers and supervisors to
5 nonmanagement personnel; and

6 (n) Evaluation of transportation-related project costs, including
7 but not limited to environmental mitigation, competitive bidding
8 practices, permitting processes, and capital project management.

9 (7) Within the authorities and duties under chapter 43.09 RCW,
10 the state auditor must provide the preliminary performance audit
11 reports to the audited state agency for comment. The auditor also may
12 seek input on the preliminary report from other appropriate
13 officials. Comments must be received within thirty days after receipt
14 of the preliminary performance audit report unless a different time
15 period is approved by the state auditor. The final performance audit
16 report shall include the objectives, scope, and methodology; the
17 audit results, including findings and recommendations; the agency's
18 response and conclusions; and identification of best practices.

19 (8) The state auditor shall provide final performance audit
20 reports to the citizens of Washington, the governor, the joint
21 legislative audit and review committee, the appropriate legislative
22 committees, and other appropriate officials. Final performance audit
23 reports shall be posted on the internet.

24 (9) The audited transportation-related agency is responsible for
25 follow-up and corrective action on all performance audit findings and
26 recommendations. The audited agency's plan for addressing each audit
27 finding and recommendation shall be included in the final audit
28 report. The plan shall provide the name of the contact person
29 responsible for each action, the action planned, and the anticipated
30 completion date. If the audited agency does not agree with the audit
31 findings and recommendations or believes action is not required, then
32 the action plan shall include an explanation and specific reasons.

33 The office of financial management shall require periodic
34 progress reports from the audited agency until all resolution has
35 occurred. The office of financial management is responsible for
36 achieving audit resolution. The office of financial management shall
37 annually report by December 31st the status of performance audit
38 resolution to the appropriate legislative committees and the state
39 auditor. The legislature shall consider the performance audit results
40 in connection with the state budget process.

1 The auditor may request status reports on specific audits or
2 findings.

3 (10) For the period from July 1, 2005, until June 30, 2007, the
4 amount of \$4,000,000 is appropriated from the transportation
5 partnership account to the state auditors office for the purposes of
6 subsections (2) through (9) of this section.

7 (11) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may
8 transfer from the transportation partnership account to the
9 connecting Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund
10 balance of the transportation partnership account.

11 **Sec. 504.** RCW 47.60.530 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 16 s 1 are each
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (1) The Puget Sound ferry operations account is created in the
14 motor vehicle fund.

15 (2) The following funds must be deposited into the account:

16 (a) All moneys directed by law;

17 (b) All revenues generated from ferry fares; and

18 (c) All revenues generated from commercial advertising,
19 concessions, parking, and leases as allowed under RCW 47.60.140.

20 (3) Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.

21 (4) Expenditures from the account may be used only for the
22 maintenance, administration, and operation of the Washington state
23 ferry system.

24 (5) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may
25 transfer from the Puget Sound ferry operations account to the
26 connecting Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund
27 balance of the Puget Sound ferry operations account.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 505.** If any provision of this act or its
29 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
30 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
31 persons or circumstances is not affected.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 506.** This act is necessary for the immediate
33 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
34 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
35 effect immediately.

(End of Bill)

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