

SB 5096 - S AMD TO S AMD (S-2543.4/17) 197  
By Senator Liiias

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1 On page 28, line 17 of the amendment, strike "\$79,846,000" and  
2 insert "\$80,346,000"

3 On page 28, line 20 of the amendment, strike "\$79,892,000" and  
4 insert "\$80,392,000"

5 On page 28, after line 20 of the amendment, insert the following:

6 "The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
7 conditions and limitations: \$500,000 of the multimodal transportation  
8 account—state appropriation is provided solely for a consultant study  
9 of ultra high-speed ground transportation. The department may use the  
10 unanticipated receipt process to accept local contributions for this  
11 study. For purposes of this section, "ultra high-speed" means two  
12 hundred fifty miles per hour or more. The study must identify the  
13 costs and benefits of ultra high-speed ground transportation along a  
14 north-south alignment in Washington state. The study must provide:

15 (1) An update to the high speed ground transportation study  
16 commissioned pursuant to chapter 231, Laws of 1991 and delivered to  
17 the governor and legislature on October 15, 1992;

18 (2) An analysis of an ultra high-speed ground transportation  
19 alignment between Vancouver, British Columbia and Portland, Oregon  
20 with stations in: Vancouver, British Columbia; Bellingham, Everett,  
21 Seattle, SeaTac, Tacoma, Olympia, and Vancouver, Washington; and  
22 Portland, Oregon, with an option to connect with an east-west  
23 alignment in Washington state and with a similar system in the state  
24 of California; and

25 (3) An analysis of the following key elements:

26 (a) Economic feasibility;

27 (b) Forecasted demand;

28 (c) Corridor identification;

29 (d) Land use and economic development and environmental  
30 implications;

- 1 (e) Compatibility with other regional transportation plans,  
2 including interfaces and impacts on other travel modes such as air  
3 transportation;
- 4 (f) Technological options for ultra high-speed ground  
5 transportation, both foreign and domestic;
- 6 (g) Required specifications for speed, safety, access, and  
7 frequency;
- 8 (h) Identification of existing highway or railroad rights-of-way  
9 that are suitable for ultra high-speed travel, including  
10 identification of additional rights-of-way that may be needed and the  
11 process for acquiring those rights-of-way;
- 12 (i) Institutional arrangements for carrying out detailed system  
13 planning, construction, and operations; and
- 14 (j) An analysis of potential financing mechanisms for an ultra  
15 high-speed travel system.
- 16 The department shall provide a report of its study findings to  
17 the governor and transportation committees of the legislature by  
18 December 15, 2017."

EFFECT: Increases the total spending in the DOT rail operating program by \$500K for the purpose of funding an ultra high-speed rail study. A report is due to the Governor and the legislature by December 15, 2017.

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