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SENATE BILL 6440

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State of Washington

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By Senator Ericksen

1 AN ACT Relating to an I-5/Exit 274 interchange project; creating  
2 a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The sum of one million dollars, or as much  
5 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year  
6 ending June 30, 2019, from the connecting Washington account—state  
7 funds and is provided solely for the department of transportation to  
8 complete an interchange justification report (IJR) and begin  
9 environmental review for an I-5/Exit 274 interchange project in  
10 Blaine based on the project concept agreed upon during community  
11 outreach workshops conducted for the project.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** It is the intent of the legislature that  
13 an I-5/Exit 274 interchange project in Blaine be further funded with  
14 \$11,100,000 of connecting Washington account—state funds in the  
15 2019-2021 fiscal biennium and be changed accordingly on the  
16 applicable LEAP transportation documents referenced in the omnibus  
17 transportation appropriations act. This project would create a new  
18 southbound off-ramp on Interstate 5 at exit 274 onto Peace Portal  
19 drive and create grade separation in the vicinity of the off-ramp  
20 near Bell road and Peace Portal drive. It is the further intent of

1 the legislature that for the I-5/Exit 274 interchange project, the  
2 department of transportation shall actively pursue \$12,900,000 in  
3 additional funds to pay for the remainder of the project's estimated  
4 cost. The department shall pursue all relevant funding options  
5 including, but not limited to, grants from the federal highway  
6 administration and the freight mobility strategic investment board,  
7 and matching funds from local governments or private businesses.

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