

SSB 5165 - S AMD 496

By Senator Liias

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1 On page 38, line 11, strike "\$80,204,000" and insert
2 "\$83,454,000"

3 On page 38, line 16, strike "\$80,750,000" and insert
4 "\$84,000,000"

5 On page 38, line 18, after "limitations:" insert "(1)"

6 On page 38, after line 28, insert the following:

7 "(2) (a) \$3,250,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
8 appropriation is provided solely for development of a coordinating
9 entity, integration into regional transportation plans, and public
10 engagement for an ultra high-speed corridor system in Washington,
11 Oregon, and British Columbia. "Ultra high-speed" means a maximum
12 testing speed of at least 250 miles per hour. The work must build on
13 the results of the 2020 Washington state ultra high-speed ground
14 transportation governance and financing analysis.

15 (b) Specifically, the work to develop a coordinating entity must
16 prepare the corridor for project initiation by working with relevant
17 government agencies and private sector entities, identifying and
18 solidifying a common vision and goals for the project, advancing
19 preenvironmental clearance and conceptual engineering, and developing
20 a consistent project approach needed to plan for and advance the
21 development of the corridor and a future development authority. The
22 work to integrate the project into regional transportation plans and
23 the public engagement work must facilitate and inform a future
24 environmental analysis. Funding in this appropriation may be used for
25 matching funds for federal grants and related staff support for the
26 project. The department shall provide a report to the governor and
27 transportation committees of the legislature by June 30, 2023."

EFFECT: Provides \$3,250,000 for development of a coordinating entity, integration into regional transportation plans, and public

engagement for an ultra high-speed corridor system in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia.

FISCAL EFFECT: \$3,250,000 (Multimodal Transportation Account-State)

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