

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1655

Chapter 262, Laws of 2022

(partial veto)

67th Legislature
2022 Regular Session

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY REST AREAS—OPEN FOR USE

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 9, 2022

Passed by the House March 8, 2022
Yeas 97 Nays 0

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 2, 2022
Yeas 48 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

Approved March 31, 2022 4:29 PM with
the exception of section 1, which is
vetoed.

JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the
House of Representatives of the
State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1655 as
passed by the House of
Representatives and the Senate on
the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

FILED

April 1, 2022

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1655

AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 2022 Regular Session

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Griffey, Shewmake, Barkis, Eslick, Chase, Graham, Paul, Dent, Gilday, Jacobsen, Pollet, Riccelli, Frame, Young, and Taylor)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/22.

1 AN ACT Relating to having safety rest areas open to the public as
2 soon as possible; adding a new section to chapter 47.38 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 ***NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. Commercial motor vehicle parking**
6 **shortages are a national safety concern. Washington state has**
7 **exacerbated the problem in the fall of 2021 by the closure of many**
8 **state-owned and operated safety rest areas. All vehicle drivers need**
9 **safe places to stop when they are tired to prevent serious and fatal**
10 **injuries. Washington's target zero plan reports that drowsy driving**
11 **was a factor in 44 deaths and 236 serious injuries from 2015-2017.**
12 **One of the ways Washington's target zero plan addresses this issue is**
13 **having available rest areas. The closure of state-owned safety rest**
14 **areas is contrary to state policy to have zero deaths on the**
15 **roadways.**

16 **In addition, commercial truck drivers are required to take**
17 **federally mandated rest breaks that leads to the need for there to be**
18 **parking available in many locations throughout the highway system.**
19 **Safety rest areas are important for supply line integrity and the use**
20 **by the traveling public. The legislature believes it is essential for**

1 ***this public service to be restored and maintained in the future as***
2 ***quickly as possible.***

****Sec. 1 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.***

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.38
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
6 specific purpose, the department is directed to reconfigure its
7 maintenance operations to assure that its owned and operated safety
8 rest areas are open for use except for seasonal closures or cleaning,
9 maintenance, and repairs.

10 (2) The department may initiate a strategic planning process that
11 addresses the maintenance, operation, and safety of its owned and
12 operated safety rest areas. At a minimum, this plan shall evaluate
13 operations, maintenance, safety, and commercial motor vehicle parking
14 at safety rest areas. The department must engage members from the
15 freight community and other stakeholders for recommendations and
16 solutions. The department must also coordinate with the office of
17 intergovernmental coordination on public right-of-way homeless
18 encampments established in Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill
19 No. 5662 (right-of-way camping/housing). The plan must identify
20 strategies that the department can employ to ensure commercial motor
21 vehicle parking is available at state-owned and operated safety rest
22 areas. The department shall prioritize the planning effort to
23 conclude by the end of the 2021-2023 biennium.

24 (3) The department must report to the transportation committees
25 of the legislature the changes that have been made to or are planned
26 to be made to operation of the safety rest areas by January 15, 2023,
27 including recommendations related to commercial vehicle parking.

Passed by the House March 8, 2022.

Passed by the Senate March 2, 2022.

Approved by the Governor March 31, 2022, with the exception of
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 1, 2022.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 1,
Substitute House Bill No. 1655 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to having safety rest areas open to the public
as soon as possible."

Section 1 describes the important role that rest stops provide to
help truck drivers rest and operate safely. However, it overlooks
that the rest stop closures were due to a variety of reasons,

including the lack of security and safety for truckers, the public, and the employees at those rest stops. A similar budget proviso in Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5689 properly reflects the need to address security at certain rest stops in order for them to ensure the safety of these facilities. In addition, Section 1 is not necessary to implement the policies set forth in the bill.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 1 of Substitute House Bill No. 1655.

With the exception of Section 1, Substitute House Bill No. 1655 is approved."

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