

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6229

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying match requirements for the green transportation capital grant program.

Sponsors: Senators Shewmake, Cleveland, King, Holy, Liias, Lovick and Nobles.

Senate Committee on Transportation
House Committee on Transportation

Background: The Green Transportation Capital Grant Program was created by the Legislature in 2019 and is administered by the Public Transportation Division at the Washington State Department of Transportation to aid any transit authority in funding cost-effective capital projects to reduce the carbon intensity of the Washington transportation system. The grant program is open to eligible transit agencies for projects that include:

- electrification of vehicle fleets;
- facilities that support fleet electrification, construction of charging or fueling stations, and upgrades to electrical transmissions and distribution systems; and
- staff directly managing construction or procurement projects, acquisition of property rights for capital projects, and planning activities, including zero-emission fleet transition planning.

To receive Green Transportation Capital Grant Program funding for a project, a transit authority must provide matching funding for that project that is at least equal to 20 percent of the total cost of the project.

Appropriation for the 2023-25 biennium is \$12 million of multmodal transportation account funds and \$39.4 million of climate transit programs account funds, for a total appropriation of \$51.4 million.

Summary: The 20 percent match requirement is eliminated for the Green Transportation Capital Grant Program and a match is established at a level deemed appropriate by the Washington State Department of Transportation.

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Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 49 0

House 74 21

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