

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESSB 5161

As Amended by House, April 2, 2025

Title: An act relating to transportation fiscal matters.

Brief Description: Addressing transportation fiscal matters.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Liias, King and Nobles; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/14/25, 3/25/25, 3/27/25 [DPS, DNP, w/oRec].

Floor Activity: Passed Senate: 3/29/25, 34-15.

Passed House: 4/2/25, 66-30.

Brief Summary of Engrossed First Substitute Bill

- Makes transportation appropriations for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium and supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5161 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Ramos, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Goehner, Assistant Ranking Member; Alvarado, Chapman, Cortes, Fortunato, Harris, Krishnadasan, Lovelett, Nobles, Shewmake and Valdez.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Christian.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senators MacEwen and Wilson, J..

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Staff: Brandon Popovac (786-7465)

Background: The operating and capital expenses of state transportation agencies and programs are funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus transportation budget adopted by the Legislature in odd-numbered years. Supplemental budgets may be adopted during the biennium, making various modifications to agency appropriations.

Summary of Engrossed First Substitute Bill: Appropriations are provided for certain state transportation agencies and programs for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium and are adjusted for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.

Budget summary materials can be found in the SCS tab in the committee materials for the public hearing.

Appropriation: Various.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill (January 14, 2025): *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* Please refer to the January 14, 2025 recording of the public hearing on the Senate Transportation Committee Schedules, Agendas & Documents website at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/#!/TRAN/>.

Persons Testifying (January 14, 2025): PRO: Heather Kurtenbach, Washington State Building & Construction Trades Council; Billy Wallace, Washington & Northern Idaho District Council of Laborers; Marci Straub, Washington Association of Vehicle Subagents.

CON: Brent Ludeman, Turo; Greg Hanon, Western States Petroleum Assoc.; Kirk Hovenkotter, Transportation Choices Coalition; stephen alldridge; Amber Carter, Seattle Mariners; Thera Black.

OTHER: Debbie Young, Chair, Washington State Transportation Commission; Ashley Probart, Transportation Improvement Board; Lois Bollenback, SRTC - Spokane Regional Transportation Council; Jeff Gombosky, Enterprise Mobility; Matt Ransom, Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council; Carl Schroeder, Association of Washington Cities; Ehren Flygare, American Car Rental Association.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (January 14, 2025): No one.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Proposed Substitute (March 25, 2025): *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* Please refer to the March 25, 2025 recording of the public hearing on the Senate Transportation Committee Schedules, Agendas & Documents website at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/#!/TRAN/>.

Persons Testifying (March 25, 2025):

PRO: Senator Marko Liias, Prime Sponsor; Debora Munguia, Mason County; Linda Thompson, Washington Association for Substance misuse and Violence Prevention (WASAVP); Kirk Hovenkotter, Transportation Choices Coalition; Justin Leighton, Washington State Transit Association; Jared Nieuwenhuis, City of Bellevue, Council; Leah Missik, Climate Solutions.

CON: Tim Eyman, Initiative Activist; JOHN WORTHINGTON.

OTHER: Kati Durkin, Washington Federation of State Employees; Chad Bieren, City of Kent Public Works Director; Carston Curd, City of Bothell Councilmember; Lael White; Jeff Wagner, City of Covington; Will Aho, Eastside Fire and Rescue; Breck Lebegue, WA Physicians for Social Responsibility; Tom White; Mara Machulsky, Hoh Tribe; Peggen Frank, Hoh Tribe; Joe Kunzler; Sean Eagan, The Northwest Seaport Alliance.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (March 25, 2025): No one.

EFFECT OF HOUSE AMENDMENT(S):

Strikes the Senate 2025-27 biennial and 2025 supplemental transportation budget and replaces it with the House 2025-27 biennial and 2025 supplemental transportation budget.