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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Swecker, Haugen, Eide, Marr, Sheldon, Berkey, Benton, and Shin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to commute trip reduction for state agencies;
2 amending RCW 70.94.541, 70.94.547, and 70.94.551; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.94.541 and 2006 c 329 s 8 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The department of transportation shall provide staff support to
8 the commute trip reduction board in carrying out the requirements of
9 RCW 70.94.537.

10 (2) The department of transportation shall provide technical
11 assistance to regional transportation planning organizations, counties,
12 cities, ((and)) towns, ((the department of general administration,
13 ether)) state agencies, and other employers in developing and
14 implementing commute trip reduction plans and programs. The technical
15 assistance shall include: (a) Guidance in single measurement
16 methodology and practice to be used in determining progress in
17 attaining plan goals; (b) developing model plans and programs
18 appropriate to different situations; and (c) providing consistent
19 training and informational materials for the implementation of commute

1 trip reduction programs. Model plans and programs, training, and
2 informational materials shall be developed in cooperation with
3 representatives of regional transportation planning organizations,
4 local governments, transit agencies, and employers.

5 (3) In carrying out this section the department of transportation
6 may contract with statewide associations representing cities, towns,
7 and counties to assist cities, towns, and counties in implementing
8 commute trip reduction plans and programs.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.94.547 and 2006 c 329 s 10 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 The legislature hereby recognizes the state's crucial leadership
12 role in establishing and implementing effective commute trip reduction
13 programs. Therefore, it is the policy of the state that the department
14 of (~~general administration~~) transportation and other state agencies,
15 including institutions of higher education, shall aggressively develop
16 substantive programs to reduce commute trips by state employees.
17 Implementation of these programs will reduce energy consumption,
18 congestion in urban areas, and air and water pollution associated with
19 automobile travel.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.94.551 and 2006 c 329 s 11 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (1) The (~~director~~) secretary of the department of (~~general~~
23 ~~administration~~) transportation may coordinate an interagency board for
24 the purpose of developing policies or guidelines that promote
25 consistency among state agency commute trip reduction programs required
26 by RCW 70.94.527 and 70.94.531. The board shall include
27 representatives of the departments of transportation, ecology, and
28 community, trade, and economic development and such other departments
29 and interested groups as the (~~director~~) secretary of the department
30 of (~~general administration~~) transportation determines to be
31 necessary. Policies and guidelines shall be applicable to all state
32 agencies including but not limited to policies and guidelines regarding
33 parking and parking charges, employee incentives for commuting by other
34 than single-occupant automobiles, flexible and alternative work
35 schedules, alternative worksites, and the use of state-owned vehicles
36 for car and van pools and guaranteed rides home. The policies and

1 guidelines shall also consider the costs and benefits to state agencies
2 of achieving commute trip reductions and consider mechanisms for
3 funding state agency commute trip reduction programs.

4 (2) State agencies sharing a common location in affected urban
5 growth areas where the total number of state employees is one hundred
6 or more shall, with assistance from the department of (~~general~~
7 ~~administration~~) transportation, develop and implement a joint commute
8 trip reduction program. The worksite (~~shall~~) must be treated as
9 specified in RCW 70.94.531 and 70.94.534.

10 (3) The department of transportation shall develop a joint
11 comprehensive commute trip reduction plan for all state agencies,
12 including institutions of higher education, located in the Olympia,
13 Lacey, and Tumwater urban growth areas.

14 (a) In developing the joint comprehensive commute trip reduction
15 plan, the department of transportation shall collaborate with the
16 following entities: Local jurisdictions; regional transportation
17 planning organizations as described in chapter 47.80 RCW; transit
18 agencies, including regional transit authorities as described in
19 chapter 81.112 RCW and transit agencies that serve areas within twenty-
20 five miles of the Olympia, Lacey, or Tumwater urban growth areas; and
21 the capitol campus design advisory committee established in RCW
22 43.34.080.

23 (b) The joint comprehensive commute trip reduction plan must build
24 on existing commute trip reduction programs and policies. At a
25 minimum, the joint comprehensive commute trip reduction plan must
26 include strategies for telework and flexible work schedules, parking
27 management, and consideration of the impacts of worksite location and
28 design on multimodal transportation options.

29 (c) The joint comprehensive commute trip reduction plan must
30 include performance measures and reporting methods and requirements.

31 (d) The joint comprehensive commute trip reduction plan may include
32 strategies to accommodate differences in worksite size and location.

33 (e) The joint comprehensive commute trip reduction plan must be
34 consistent with jurisdictional and regional transportation, land use,
35 and commute trip reduction plans, the state six-year facilities plan,
36 and the master plan for the capitol of the state of Washington.

37 (f) Not more than ninety days after the adoption of the joint
38 comprehensive commute trip reduction plan, state agencies within the

1 three urban growth areas must implement a commute trip reduction
2 program consistent with the objectives and strategies of the joint
3 comprehensive commute trip reduction plan.

4 (4) The department of (~~general administration~~) transportation
5 shall review the initial commute trip reduction program of each state
6 agency subject to the commute trip reduction plan for state agencies to
7 determine if the program is likely to meet the applicable commute trip
8 reduction goals and notify the agency of any deficiencies. If it is
9 found that the program is not likely to meet the applicable commute
10 trip reduction goals, the department of (~~general administration~~)
11 transportation will work with the agency to modify the program as
12 necessary.

13 ~~((+4))~~ (5) Each state agency implementing a commute trip reduction
14 plan shall report at least once per year to its agency director on the
15 performance of the agency's commute trip reduction program as part of
16 the agency's quality management, accountability, and performance system
17 as defined by RCW 43.17.385. The reports shall assess the performance
18 of the program, progress toward state goals established under RCW
19 70.94.537, and recommendations for improving the program.

20 ~~((+5))~~ (6) The department of (~~general administration~~)
21 transportation shall review the agency performance reports defined in
22 subsection ~~((+4))~~ (5) of this section and submit a biennial report for
23 state agencies subject to this chapter to the governor and incorporate
24 the report in the commute trip reduction board report to the
25 legislature as directed in RCW 70.94.537(6). The report shall include,
26 but is not limited to, an evaluation of the most recent measurement
27 results, progress toward state goals established under RCW 70.94.537,
28 and recommendations for improving the performance of state agency
29 commute trip reduction programs. The information shall be reported in
30 a form established by the commute trip reduction board.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If specific funding for the purposes of this
32 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
33 June 30, 2009, in the omnibus capital appropriations act, this act is
34 null and void.

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