

HB 2072-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Modifies the purposes, duties, and composition of the agency council on coordinated transportation.

Requires the agency council on coordinated transportation to appoint a work group for the purpose of identifying relevant federal requirements related to special needs transportation, and identifying solutions to streamline the requirements and increase efficiencies in transportation services provided for persons with special transportation needs.

Creates a local coordinating coalition in each nonemergency medical transportation brokerage region, as designated by the department of social and health services, that encompasses certain counties. The purpose of a local coordinating coalition is to advance local efforts to coordinate and maximize efficiencies in special needs transportation programs and services, contributing to the overall objectives and goals of the agency council on coordinated transportation.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to establish a uniform process designed to track the additional expenditures for transporting homeless students.

Requires a municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, and each regional transit authority to work collaboratively with the appropriate local coordinating coalition or coalitions to advance the coordination of and maximize efficiencies in transportation services provided to persons with special transportation needs.

Delays the repeal of chapter 47.06B RCW (coordinating special needs transportation).

VETO MESSAGE ON ESHB 2072

May 15, 2009

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Sections 2, 5, 6, 7 and 19,
Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2072 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to advancing effective
transportation for persons with special
transportation needs."

Section 19 of the bill makes the provisions of the legislation null and void if sufficient funding to implement the legislation is not included in the 2009-11 Transportation Budget. The 2009-11 Transportation Budget does include sufficient funding to implement portions of the legislation, but not the entire bill. I have decided to veto Sections 2, 5, 6 and 7 of the legislation that do not have sufficient funding for implementation, as well as the null and void clause in Section 19. As a result, we will be able to move forward with providing special needs transportation services in a more coordinated and efficient manner, without imposing unfunded mandates on state agencies.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 2, 5, 6, 7 and 19 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2072.

With the exception of Sections 2, 5, 6, 7 and 19, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2072 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor