
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5785

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Murray, Kohl-Welles, White, Kline, Prentice, Nelson, Brown, McAuliffe, and Keiser)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reconvening the Alaskan Way viaduct and Seattle
2 Seawall replacement project expert review panel; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 47.01 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The department shall reconvene an expert review panel as described
8 under RCW 47.01.400 for the purpose of updating the work that was
9 previously completed by the panel on the Alaskan Way viaduct and
10 Seattle Seawall replacement project and to ensure that an appropriate
11 and viable financial plan is created and regularly reviewed. The
12 expert review panel must be selected cooperatively by the chairs of the
13 senate and house of representatives transportation committees, the
14 secretary of transportation, the speaker of the house of
15 representatives, the majority leader of the senate, and the governor.
16 The expert review panel must report updated findings and
17 recommendations to the transportation commission, the transportation
18 committees of the legislature, and the governor's Alaskan Way viaduct
19 program oversight committee by October 2011, and annually thereafter

1 until the project is operationally complete. Upon receipt of the
2 expert review panel's updated findings and recommendations, the
3 governor must determine whether the financial plan for the Alaskan Way
4 viaduct and Seattle Seawall replacement project is feasible and
5 sufficient to complete the project as described in the final
6 environmental impact statement. When reconvening the expert review
7 panel, the department must be attentive to cost and consider ways to
8 minimize expert review panel expenditures, such as the use of
9 teleconferencing. Anticipated expenditures related to the expert
10 review panel must be included in the panel's findings and
11 recommendation reports.

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