
HOUSE BILL 2165

State of Washington 52nd Legislature 1991 Regular Session

By Representative Heavey.

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1 AN ACT Relating to an examination of transportation management in
2 the state of Washington; creating new sections; making an
3 appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares its great
6 concern over the functioning and management of the entire Washington
7 state transportation system and its management and governance. The
8 legislature has concerns about the role of the governor, the secretary
9 of transportation, the department of transportation, the transportation
10 commission, the legislative transportation committee, the legislative
11 transportation executive committee, the standing committees on
12 transportation of the senate and the house of representatives, the
13 legislature as a whole, and input from citizens.

1 The legislature recognizes its need for accurate and current
2 information to properly assess the state's transportation system before
3 taking action.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The legislative budget committee
5 shall, by competitive bid, hire a qualified consultant to conduct phase
6 I of a study that will establish the scope of the larger study that
7 will address, at a minimum, all concerns expressed in this act. The
8 legislative budget committee shall make the award for the phase I study
9 within ninety days of the effective date of this act. The phase I
10 study shall, at a minimum, interview each member of the legislature to
11 determine their concerns that may be included in the scope of the phase
12 II study. The phase I study shall be completed and a report made to
13 the legislative budget committee within sixty days of the award of the
14 phase I contract.

15 (2) Within sixty days of the award of the phase I contract, the
16 legislative budget committee shall, by competitive bid, award a
17 contract for phase II of the study. The phase II study shall allow for
18 extensive citizen and legislative input. It shall evaluate all
19 pertinent aspects concerning the governance and management of the
20 state's transportation system, and compare the system to alternative
21 systems in other states. The study shall offer to address problems
22 with alternative forms of transportation governance with a maximum of
23 democratic input and protection of the rights of the less-populated
24 areas of the state. Phase II shall review all audits, reports, and
25 complaints concerning the state's transportation system. The phase II
26 study shall be completed and a final report made to the legislative
27 budget committee by December 1, 1991.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two million two hundred
2 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
3 appropriated from the motor vehicle fund to the legislative budget
4 committee for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 1993, to carry out
5 the purposes of this act. Of this amount, no more than two hundred
6 thousand dollars may be used for phase I of the study, and no more than
7 two million dollars may be used for phase II of the study.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
11 effect immediately.