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1 AN ACT Relating to developing a state capital investment strategy;
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.06 RCW; creating a new section; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a capital
6 infrastructure deficit of over thirty billion dollars exists in
7 Washington state and that new infrastructure is needed to accommodate
8 growth occurring now and in the future. There currently is no state
9 capital investment strategy which, combined with an unmanageable number
10 of state capital accounts, makes state capital spending haphazard,
11 uncoordinated, and ineffective in dealing with the existing deficit and
12 growing needs. The legislature intends to develop a process to
13 coordinate the capital investment planning of state agencies, and
14 coordinate state capital investment planning with local and regional

1 planning, in order to more effectively meet existing and future
2 infrastructure needs.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The governor shall appoint a capital investment strategy council
6 comprised of selected state agency directors. The capital investment
7 strategy council, after consulting with appropriate organizations such
8 as counties and cities, the private sector, and the legislature's
9 capital fiscal committees, shall:

10 (1) Develop a comprehensive and consistent state capital investment
11 strategy that coordinates the infrastructure planning and financing of
12 all state agencies under RCW 43.88.030(3) (b) and (c). This
13 comprehensive strategy should coordinate state infrastructure planning
14 with regional planning organizations, multicounty and county-wide
15 planning policies, and counties and cities. Where possible, the state
16 capital investment strategy shall be based on an assessment of
17 infrastructure needs by area that result from expected growth patterns,
18 and include a discussion regarding how state infrastructure planning
19 and spending promote economic development in all regions of the state
20 consistent with the growth management goals in chapter 36.70A RCW; and

21 (2) Recommend to the legislature and the governor methods to:

22 (a) Adopt a state policy of catching up and maintaining
23 infrastructure needs to sustain a healthy economy and a high quality of
24 life. Given limited resources, the state should ensure that public
25 infrastructure spending is efficient, protects the health and safety of
26 the public, and serves desired growth management goals;

27 (b) Change state agency programs and existing funds to reprioritize
28 these programs and funds consistent with development of a long-term
29 state capital investment strategy;

1 (c) Consolidate, where appropriate, existing state capital accounts
2 to achieve a manageable number consistent with a state capital
3 investment strategy and to create a new growth management financing
4 account that would finance infrastructure needs based on county-wide or
5 regional economic planning; and

6 (d) Provide assistance and incentives to counties and cities to
7 comply with growth management requirements, especially meeting
8 infrastructure demands.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
11 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
12 effect immediately.