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1            AN ACT Relating to land use patterns in transit plans; and amending  
2 RCW 35.58.2795 and 35.58.2796.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.58.2795 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 60 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6            By April 1st of each year, the legislative authority of each  
7 municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, shall prepare a six-year  
8 transit development and financial program for that calendar year and  
9 the ensuing five years. The program shall be consistent with the  
10 comprehensive plans adopted by counties, cities, and towns, pursuant to  
11 chapter 35.63, 35A.63, or 36.70 RCW, the inherent authority of a first  
12 class city or charter county derived from its charter, or chapter  
13 36.70A RCW. The program shall contain information as to how the  
14 municipality intends to meet state and local long-range priorities for

1 public transportation, capital improvements, significant operating  
2 changes planned for the system, and how the municipality intends to  
3 fund program needs. The program shall address types of land use  
4 patterns in the service area, how those patterns affect transit  
5 services, and how transit service and land use compatibility can be  
6 enhanced. Each municipality shall file the six-year program with the  
7 state department of transportation, the transportation improvement  
8 board, and cities, counties, and regional transportation planning  
9 (~~councils~~) organizations within which the municipality is located.

10 In developing its program, the municipality shall consider those  
11 policy recommendations affecting public transportation contained in the  
12 state transportation policy plan approved by the state transportation  
13 commission and, where appropriate, adopted by the legislature. The  
14 municipality shall conduct one or more public hearings while developing  
15 its program and for each annual update.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.58.2796 and 1989 c 396 s 2 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 The department of transportation shall develop an annual report  
19 summarizing the status of public transportation systems in the state.  
20 By September 1st of each year, copies of the report shall be submitted  
21 to the legislative transportation committee and to each municipality,  
22 as defined in RCW 35.58.272, and to individual members of the  
23 municipality's legislative authority. The department shall prepare and  
24 submit a preliminary report by December 1, 1989.

25 To assist the department with preparation of the report, each  
26 municipality shall file a system report by April 1st of each year with  
27 the state department of transportation identifying its public  
28 transportation services for the previous calendar year and its  
29 objectives for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of those

1 services. The system report shall address those items required for  
2 each public transportation system in the department's report, which may  
3 include elements contained in the six-year transit program required  
4 under RCW 35.58.2795.

5 The department report shall describe individual public  
6 transportation systems, including contracted transportation services  
7 and dial-a-ride services, and include a state-wide summary of public  
8 transportation issues and data. The descriptions shall include the  
9 following elements and such other elements as the department deems  
10 appropriate after consultation with the municipalities and the  
11 legislative transportation committee:

12 (1) Equipment and facilities, including vehicle replacement  
13 standards;

14 (2) Services and service standards;

15 (3) Revenues, expenses, and ending balances, by fund source;

16 (4) Policy issues and system improvement objectives, including  
17 community participation in development of those objectives and how  
18 those objectives address state-wide transportation priorities;

19 (5) Operating indicators applied to public transportation services,  
20 revenues, and expenses. Operating indicators shall include operating  
21 cost per passenger trip, operating cost per revenue vehicle service  
22 hour, passenger trips per revenue service hour, passenger trips per  
23 vehicle service mile, vehicle service hours per employee, and farebox  
24 revenue as a percent of operating costs.