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By Senators von Reichbauer, Vognild, McDonald, Thorsness, Gaspard and Erwin.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the appointment of the secretary of
2 transportation; and amending RCW 43.17.020 and 47.01.041.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.17.020 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 811 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 There shall be a chief executive officer of each department to be
7 known as: (1) The secretary of social and health services, (2) the
8 director of ecology, (3) the director of labor and industries, (4) the
9 director of agriculture, (5) the director of fisheries, (6) the
10 director of wildlife, (7) the secretary of transportation, (8) the
11 director of licensing, (9) the director of general administration, (10)
12 the director of trade and economic development, (11) the director of
13 veterans affairs, (12) the director of revenue, (13) the director of

1 retirement systems, (14) the secretary of corrections, (15) the
2 director of community development, and (16) the secretary of health.

3 Such officers(~~(, except the secretary of transportation,)~~) shall be
4 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and hold
5 office at the pleasure of the governor. The director of wildlife,
6 however, shall be appointed according to the provisions of RCW
7 77.04.080. If a vacancy occurs while the senate is not in session, the
8 governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of
9 the senate. A temporary director of wildlife shall not serve more than
10 one year. (~~(The secretary of transportation shall be appointed by the
11 transportation commission as prescribed by RCW 47.01.041.)~~)

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.01.041 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 53 s 28 are each
13 amended to read as follows:

14 The executive head of the department of transportation shall be the
15 secretary of transportation, who shall be appointed by the
16 (~~(transportation commission)~~) governor with the consent of the senate,
17 and shall be paid a salary to be fixed by the governor in accordance
18 with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040. The secretary shall hold office
19 at the pleasure of the governor.

20 The secretary shall be an ex officio member of the commission
21 without a vote. The secretary shall be the chief executive officer of
22 the commission and be responsible to it, and shall be guided by
23 policies established by it. (~~(The secretary shall serve until removed
24 by the commission, but only for incapacity, incompetence, neglect of
25 duty, malfeasance in office, or failure to carry out the commission's
26 policies. Before a motion for dismissal shall be acted on by the
27 commission, the secretary shall be granted a hearing on formal written
28 charges before the full commission. An action by the commission to
29 remove the secretary shall be final.)~~)