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By Senators McCaslin, Madsen, Cantu, Williams, L. Kreidler and Amondson; by request of Department of General Administration.

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1 AN ACT Relating to transportation to and from and parking at state  
2 facilities; adding new sections to chapter 43.19 RCW; creating a new  
3 section; repealing RCW 46.08.172; providing an effective date; and  
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

7 (1) Access to and from state-owned and leased facilities favors  
8 single-occupant automobiles;

9 (2) Current state facilities in some cases do not provide  
10 sufficient parking to meet the demands created by reliance on the  
11 single-occupant automobile;

12 (3) The costs in traffic congestion, pollution, and building roads  
13 and parking facilities to support continued access by single-occupant  
14 automobiles are escalating;

1 (4) Cost-effective alternatives to the single-occupant automobile  
2 to provide access to state government are available; and

3 (5) There is broad consensus among state and local governments to  
4 pursue a coordinated approach to managing parking and transportation  
5 for state facilities to improve access to these facilities.

6 Therefore, it is the purpose of sections 1 through 5 of this act to  
7 provide the department of general administration with authority to  
8 develop parking and transportation management programs; ensure that  
9 access to state government for customers, employees, and visitors is  
10 improved; and promote alternatives to the single-occupant automobile.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions set forth in this section  
12 apply throughout sections 1 through 5 of this act.

13 (1) "State agency" means any state office, agency, commission,  
14 department, board, or institution financed in whole or part from funds  
15 appropriated by the legislature, except institutions of higher  
16 education.

17 (2) "State facilities" means all state-owned and leased facilities  
18 except state roads and highways, institutions of higher education,  
19 state parks, park and ride facilities, ferry terminals, and state  
20 military facilities.

21 (3) "Parking and transportation management" means policies and  
22 programs designed for the specific users of state facilities and how  
23 those users affect local transportation systems.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** To carry out the purposes of sections 1  
25 through 4 of this act, the director of general administration shall:

26 (1) In consultation with state agencies, state employees, local and  
27 regional governments, the business community, and other interested

1 groups, develop and implement a comprehensive state agency  
2 transportation and parking management program for state facilities;

3 (2) Implement alternatives to the single-occupant automobile,  
4 including but not limited to identifying alternative methods of travel,  
5 and programs and facilities and funding sources that support these  
6 alternatives;

7 (3) Provide transportation and parking criteria in the development  
8 of new or renovated state facilities, including but not limited to  
9 facility siting and design;

10 (4) Establish standards governing the management and allocation of  
11 parking spaces in state-owned and leased parking facilities, among  
12 visitors, clients, state employees, and service providers;

13 (5) Establish a fair and equitable system, considering market  
14 rates, of parking rates for users of state-owned and leased facilities;

15 (6) Establish an operational unit within the department and employ  
16 such personnel as are necessary to carry out the purposes of sections  
17 1 through 4 of this act. The program manager is exempt from chapter  
18 41.06 RCW;

19 (7) Establish necessary rules and procedures for carrying out the  
20 purposes of sections 1 through 4 of this act;

21 (8) Delegate the authority granted to the director under sections  
22 3 and 4 of this act to any agency upon such terms as considered  
23 advisable.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The director of general administration  
25 shall establish fees and charges for parking and transportation  
26 programs. Fees and charges shall be used as follows:

27 (1) Revenues collected from parking charges on the capitol campus  
28 shall be first applied to debt service as specified in the bonds issued

1 for the parking facilities and office buildings constructed with state  
2 funds.

3 (2) The state agency transportation and parking management account  
4 is created in the state treasury. Any funds remaining after the debt  
5 specified by subsection (1) of this section is satisfied, as well as  
6 revenues collected as parking fees at locations other than the capitol  
7 campus, and charges from other transportation programs that are part of  
8 the state agency transportation and parking management plan shall be  
9 paid to the account. The department of general administration shall  
10 administer the account.

11 (3) The account shall be used for the payment of costs, expenses,  
12 and charges incurred in the operation and administration of  
13 transportation or parking programs administered by the department of  
14 general administration, or other state agencies as part of the state  
15 agency transportation and parking management program. The programs of  
16 the various state agencies shall be treated as separate entities for  
17 financial and accounting control. Revenues collected as parking fees  
18 or as charges for other transportation programs that are part of the  
19 state agency transportation and parking management plan, but that are  
20 administered by agencies other than the department of general  
21 administration, shall be paid to the account of the agency within the  
22 account, and shall be applied to the program from which the revenues  
23 were collected.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The director of general administration  
25 shall adopt and enforce such rules as may be deemed necessary to  
26 accomplish the purpose of sections 1 through 4 of this act.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The legislature finds that commercial or  
28 on-street parking for state employees or the public wishing to

1 participate in government is increasingly not available. This  
2 nonavailability serves as an impediment to public participation in  
3 government. While it is not desirable for the department of general  
4 administration to provide free parking to state employees, it is  
5 desirable for the department of general administration to make  
6 available to state employees as much parking as possible. The more  
7 parking that is made available to employees the more on-street and  
8 other commercial parking is available to the public. The department of  
9 general administration by providing zoned instead of assigned parking  
10 has substantially increased the availability of employee parking. This  
11 act removes the sales tax charge which resulted from the change to  
12 zoned parking. Efficiencies in state government are encouraged. This  
13 act encourages the public participation in government, allows efficient  
14 use of parking administered by the department of general  
15 administration, and aids in state employee efficiency.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act are each  
17 added to chapter 43.19 RCW.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.08.172 and 1988 ex.s. c 2 s 901,  
19 1985 c 57 s 59, 1984 c 258 s 323, & 1963 c 158 s 1 are each repealed.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
22 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
23 effect July 1, 1991.