

2 **ESHB 2067** - CONF REPT - S3438.1
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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that reducing the
8 number of commute trips to work is an effective way of reducing
9 automobile-related air pollution, traffic congestion, and energy use.
10 The legislature intends that state agencies shall assume a leadership
11 role in implementing programs to reduce vehicle miles traveled and
12 single-occupant vehicle commuting, under RCW 70.94.521 through
13 70.94.551.

14 The legislature has established and directed an interagency task
15 force to consider mechanisms for funding state agency commute trip
16 reduction programs; and to consider and recommend policies for employee
17 incentives for commuting by other than single-occupant vehicles, and
18 policies for the use of state-owned vehicles.

19 It is the purpose of this act to provide state agencies with the
20 authority to provide employee incentives, including subsidies for use
21 of high occupancy vehicles to meet commute trip reduction goals, and to
22 remove existing statutory barriers for state agencies to use public
23 funds, including parking revenue, to operate, maintain, lease, or
24 construct parking facilities at state-owned and leased facilities, to
25 reduce parking subsidies, and to support commute trip reduction
26 programs.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.01 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

30 (1) "Guaranteed ride home" means an assured ride home for commuters
31 participating in a commute trip reduction program who are not able to
32 use their normal commute mode because of personal emergencies.

33 (2) "Pledged" means parking revenue designated through any means,
34 including moneys received from the natural resource building, which is

1 used for the debt service payment of bonds issued for parking
2 facilities.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.41.140 and 1979 c 151 s 119 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Pursuant to policies and regulations promulgated by the office of
6 financial management (~~((after consultation with and approval by the~~
7 ~~automotive policy board))~~), an elected state officer or ~~((his))~~ delegate
8 or a state agency director or ~~((his))~~ delegate may permit an employee
9 ~~((commuting))~~ to commute in a state-owned or leased vehicle ~~((only))~~ if
10 such travel is on official business, as determined in accordance with
11 RCW 43.41.130, and is determined to be economical and advantageous to
12 the state, or as part of a commute trip reduction program as required
13 by RCW 70.94.551.

14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.08.172 and 1991 sp.s. c 31 s 12 and 1991 sp.s. c 13
15 s 41 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

16 ~~((There is hereby established an account in the state treasury to~~
17 ~~be known as the "state capitol vehicle parking account".))~~ The
18 director of the department of general administration shall establish
19 equitable and consistent parking rental fees for state-owned or leased
20 property, to be charged to employees, visitors, clients, service
21 providers, and others, that reflect the legislature's intent to reduce
22 state subsidization of parking. The department shall solicit
23 representatives from affected state agencies, employees, and state
24 employee bargaining units to meet as regional committees. These
25 regional committees will advise the director on parking rental fees,
26 taking into account the market rate of comparable, privately owned
27 rental parking in each region. In the event that such fees become part
28 of a collective bargaining agreement and there is a conflict between
29 the agency and the collective bargaining unit, the terms of the
30 collective bargaining agreement shall prevail. All fees shall take
31 into account the market rate of comparable privately owned rental
32 parking, as determined by the director. ~~((All unpledged parking rental~~
33 ~~income collected by the department of general administration from~~
34 ~~rental of parking space on the capitol grounds and the east capitol~~
35 ~~site shall be deposited in the "state capitol vehicle parking~~
36 ~~account".))~~ However, parking rental fees are not to exceed the local
37 market rate of comparable privately owned rental parking.

1 The director may delegate the responsibility for the collection of
2 parking fees to other agencies of state government when cost-effective.

3 (~~The "state capitol vehicle parking account" shall be used to pay~~
4 ~~costs incurred in the operation, maintenance, regulation and~~
5 ~~enforcement of vehicle parking and parking facilities.~~)

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.01 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 There is hereby established an account in the state treasury to be
9 known as the "state capitol vehicle parking account." All parking
10 rental income collected from rental of parking space at state-owned or
11 leased property shall be deposited in the "state capitol vehicle
12 parking account." Revenue deposited in the "state capitol vehicle
13 parking account" shall be first applied to pledged purposes. Unpledged
14 parking revenues deposited in the "state capitol vehicle parking
15 account" may be used to:

16 (1) Pay costs incurred in the operation, maintenance, regulation,
17 and enforcement of vehicle parking and parking facilities on state-
18 owned or leased properties;

19 (2) Support the lease costs and/or capital investment costs of
20 vehicle parking and parking facilities at agency-owned and leased
21 facilities off the capitol campus; and

22 (3) Support commute trip reduction programs under RCW 70.94.521
23 through 70.94.551.

24 Distribution of funds from the "state capitol vehicle parking
25 account" are subject to appropriation by the legislature and will be
26 made by the office of financial management after considering
27 recommendations from the director of general administration and the
28 interagency task force for commute trip reduction, under RCW 70.94.551.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 43.01 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 State agencies may, subject to appropriation and under the internal
32 revenue code rules, use public funds to financially assist agency-
33 approved incentives for alternative commute modes, including but not
34 limited to carpools, vanpools, purchase of transit and ferry passes,
35 and guaranteed ride home programs, if the financial assistance is an
36 element of the agency's commute trip reduction program as required
37 under RCW 70.94.521 through 70.94.551. This section does not permit

1 any payment for the use of state-owned vehicles for commuter ride
2 sharing.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 43.01 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 All state higher education institutions are exempt from section 5
6 of this act."

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10 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "programs;" strike the
11 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.41.140; reenacting
12 and amending RCW 46.08.172; adding new sections to chapter 43.01 RCW;
13 creating a new section; and prescribing penalties."

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