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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1276**

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**By** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Fisher, Schmidt, R. Meyers, Brown, Jones, Johanson, Cothorn, J. Kohl, Horn and Wood; by request of Department of Transportation)

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1 AN ACT Relating to development of a public transportation policy  
2 plan; and adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 The state-interest component of the state-wide transportation plan  
7 must include a state public transportation plan that recognizes that  
8 while public transportation service is essentially a local  
9 responsibility in Washington, there is significant state interest in  
10 assuring that viable public transportation services are available  
11 throughout the state. The public transportation plan shall:

12 (1) Articulate the state vision of and interest in public  
13 transportation and provide quantifiable objectives, including benefits  
14 indicators;

15 (2) Identify the goals for public transportation and the roles of  
16 federal, state, regional, and local entities in achieving those goals;

17 (3) Recommend mechanisms for coordinating federal, state, regional,  
18 and local planning for public transportation;

1 (4) Recommend mechanisms for coordinating public transportation  
2 with other transportation services and modes;

3 (5) Recommend criteria, consistent with the goals identified in  
4 subsection (2) of this section and with RCW 82.44.180 (2) and (3), for  
5 existing federal authorizations administered by the department to  
6 transit agencies; and

7 (6) Recommend a state-wide public transportation facilities and  
8 equipment management system as required by federal law.

9 In developing the state public transportation plan, the department  
10 shall involve local jurisdictions, public and private providers of  
11 public transportation services, nonmotorized interests, and state  
12 agencies with an interest in public transportation, including but not  
13 limited to the departments of community development, social and health  
14 services, and ecology, the state energy office, the office of financial  
15 management, and the office of the governor.

16 The department shall submit an initial report to the legislative  
17 transportation committee by December 1, 1993, and shall provide annual  
18 reports summarizing the plan's progress each year thereafter.

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