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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2067**

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**By** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Fisher, Wolfe, Anderson, Schmidt, Locke, Pruitt, Kremen, Springer and Eide; by request of Department of General Administration)

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1 AN ACT Relating to state agency commute trip reduction programs;  
2 amending RCW 43.41.140; reenacting and amending RCW 46.08.172; adding  
3 new sections to chapter 43.01 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

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

17 It is the purpose of this act to provide state agencies with the  
18 authority to provide employee incentives, including subsidies for use  
19 of high occupancy vehicles to meet commute trip reduction goals, and to

1 remove existing statutory barriers for state agencies to use public  
2 funds, including parking revenue, to operate, maintain, lease, or  
3 construct parking facilities at state-owned and leased facilities, to  
4 reduce parking subsidies, and to support commute trip reduction  
5 programs.

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

8 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

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

12 (2) "Pledged" means parking revenue designated through any means,  
13 including moneys received from the natural resource building, which is  
14 used for the debt service payment of bonds issued for parking  
15 facilities.

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

18 Pursuant to policies and regulations promulgated by the office of  
19 financial management (~~((after consultation with and approval by the  
20 automotive policy board))~~), an elected state officer or ((his)) delegate  
21 or a state agency director or ((his)) delegate may permit an employee  
22 (~~((commuting))~~) to commute in a state-owned or leased vehicle ((only)) if  
23 such travel is on official business, as determined in accordance with  
24 RCW 43.41.130, and is determined to be economical and advantageous to  
25 the state, or as part of a commute trip reduction program as required  
26 by RCW 70.94.551.

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

29 (~~((There is hereby established an account in the state treasury to  
30 be known as the "state capitol vehicle parking account".))~~) The  
31 director of the department of general administration shall establish  
32 equitable and consistent parking rental fees for state-owned or leased  
33 property, to be charged to employees, visitors, clients, service  
34 providers, and others, that reflect the legislature's intent to reduce  
35 state subsidization of parking. All fees shall take into account the  
36 market rate of comparable privately owned rental parking, as determined

1 by the director. ((All unpledged parking rental income collected by  
2 the department of general administration from rental of parking space  
3 on the capitol grounds and the east capitol site shall be deposited in  
4 the "state capitol vehicle parking account".))

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

7 ((The "state capitol vehicle parking account" shall be used to pay  
8 costs incurred in the operation, maintenance, regulation and  
9 enforcement of vehicle parking and parking facilities.))

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 43.01 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

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

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

23 (2) Support commute trip reduction programs under RCW 70.94.521  
24 through 70.94.551; and

25 (3) Support the lease costs and/or capital investment costs of  
26 vehicle parking and parking facilities at agency-owned and leased  
27 facilities off the capitol campus.

28 Distribution of funds from the "state capitol vehicle parking  
29 account" will be made by the office of financial management after  
30 considering recommendations from the director of general administration  
31 and the interagency task force for commute trip reduction, under RCW  
32 70.94.551.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 43.01 RCW  
34 to read as follows:

35 State agencies may, subject to appropriation and under the internal  
36 revenue code rules, use public funds to financially assist agency-  
37 approved carpools, vanpools, purchase of transit and ferry passes, and

1 guaranteed ride home programs, if the financial assistance is an  
2 element of the agency's commute trip reduction program as required  
3 under RCW 70.94.521 through 70.94.551. This section does not permit  
4 any payment for the use of state-owned vehicles for commuter ride  
5 sharing.

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

8 All state higher education institutions are exempt from section 5  
9 of this act.

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