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3 By Committee on Transportation

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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 transportation
8 systems for persons with special needs are not operated as efficiently
9 as possible. Lack of coordination produces irrational situations, such
10 as several different vehicles arriving simultaneously at the same
11 location to pick up several different persons with special needs. When
12 separate vehicles arrive within minutes of each other to transport
13 individuals with special needs to similar destinations, resources are
14 wasted and fewer people are being served. In some cases, programs
15 established by the legislature to assist persons with special needs can
16 not be accessed due to these inefficiencies.

17 It is the intent of the legislature that public transportation
18 agencies, private nonprofit transportation providers, and other public
19 agencies sponsoring programs that require transportation services
20 coordinate those transportation services. Through coordination of
21 transportation services, programs will achieve increased efficiencies
22 and will expand services to a greater number of persons with special
23 needs.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The agency council on coordinated
25 transportation is created. The council is composed of nine voting
26 members and eight nonvoting, legislative members.

27 (2) The nine voting members are the superintendent of public
28 instruction or a designee, the secretary of transportation or a
29 designee, the secretary of the department of social and health services
30 or a designee, and six members appointed by the governor as follows:

- 31 (a) One representative from the office of the governor;
32 (b) Two persons who are consumers of special needs transportation
33 services;
34 (c) One representative from the Washington association of pupil
35 transportation;

1 (d) One representative from the Washington state transit
2 association; and

3 (e) One of the following:

4 (i) A representative from the community transportation association
5 of the Northwest; or

6 (ii) A representative from the community action council
7 association.

8 (3) The eight nonvoting members are legislators as follows:

9 (a) Four members from the house of representatives, two from each
10 of the two largest caucuses, appointed by the speaker of the house of
11 representatives, two who are members of the house transportation policy
12 and budget committee and two who are members of the house
13 appropriations committee; and

14 (b) Four members from the senate, two from each of the two largest
15 caucuses, appointed by the president of the senate, two members of the
16 transportation committee and two members of the ways and means
17 committee.

18 (4) Gubernatorial appointees of the council will serve two-year
19 terms. Members may not receive compensation for their service on the
20 council, but will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses
21 incurred in performing their duties as members as set forth in RCW
22 43.03.220.

23 (5) The secretary of transportation or a designee shall serve as
24 the chair.

25 (6) The department of transportation shall provide necessary staff
26 support for the council.

27 (7) The council may receive gifts, grants, or endowments from
28 public or private sources that are made from time to time, in trust or
29 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the council and
30 spend gifts, grants, or endowments or income from the public or private
31 sources according to their terms, unless the receipt of the gifts,
32 grants, or endowments violates RCW 42.17.710.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The council shall:

34 (1) Develop standards and strategies for coordinating special needs
35 transportation;

36 (2) Identify and develop, fund as resources are made available, and
37 monitor coordinated transportation pilot projects;

1 (3) Disseminate and encourage the widespread implementation of
2 successful demonstration projects;

3 (4) Identify and address barriers to transportation coordination;

4 (5) Recommend to the legislature changes in law to assist
5 coordination of transportation services;

6 (6) Act as an information clearinghouse and advocate for
7 coordinated transportation;

8 (7) Petition the office of financial management to make whatever
9 changes are deemed necessary to identify transportation costs in all
10 executive agency budgets;

11 (8) Report to the legislature by December 1, 1998, on council
12 activities including, but not limited to, what demonstration projects
13 have been undertaken, how coordination affected service levels, and
14 whether these efforts produced savings that allowed expansion of
15 services. Reports must be made once every two years thereafter, and
16 other times as the council deems necessary.

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 81.66.030 and 1979 c 111 s 6 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 The commission shall regulate every private, nonprofit
20 transportation provider in this state but has authority only as
21 follows: To issue certificates to such providers; to set forth
22 insurance requirements; to adopt reasonable rules to insure that any
23 vehicles used by such providers will be adequate for the proposed
24 service; and to inspect the vehicles and otherwise regulate the safety
25 of operations of each provider(~~(; and to regulate in accordance with
26 the procedures set forth in chapter 81.04 RCW any rates, fares, or
27 charges proposed by such providers))~~). The commission may charge fees
28 to private, nonprofit transportation providers, which shall be
29 approximately the same as the reasonable cost of regulating such
30 providers.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 3, 6, and 7 of this act
32 constitute a new chapter in Title 47 RCW.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The agency council on coordinated
34 transportation is terminated on June 30, 2003, as provided in section
35 7 of this act.

