
HOUSE BILL 3051

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1 AN ACT Relating to nonhighway transportation planning and projects;
2 adding a new chapter to Title 47 RCW; and providing a contingent
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 recognize and affirm the change in policy direction for transportation
7 planning and projects provided by the congressional enactment of the
8 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act. Key to this is
9 the directive in the act to "aggressively support proactive public
10 involvement at all stages of planning and project development" in
11 funding a transportation system responsive to public concern. To
12 continue to build on this model of public involvement a pilot project
13 is established to bring public involvement to the neighborhood level
14 for nonhighway transportation planning and projects.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The pilot project must adhere to the
16 following principles:

17 (a) It may not involve highway construction;

18 (b) It must serve community needs;

1 (c) It must promote nonautomobile travel;

2 (d) It must provide response to public concerns brought by highway
3 transportation projects.

4 (2) Examples of projects that would carry out these principles
5 include traffic calming, noise mitigation, bicycle paths, sidewalks,
6 and similar projects.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The nonhighway transportation planning
8 and project account is created in the custody of the state treasurer.
9 The account is funded by legislative appropriation. Expenditures from
10 the account may be used only for projects selected under this chapter.
11 Only the secretary of transportation or the secretary's designee may
12 authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to
13 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
14 required for expenditures.

15 (2) The secretary shall distribute matching grants to qualified
16 community level efforts. The grants will be distributed in equal
17 amounts to each of the forty-nine state legislative districts, with the
18 amount available to be determined by the appropriation.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The department shall administer funds
20 distributed from the account upon the approval of the corresponding
21 legislative district committee established under this section.

22 (2) At the close of the legislative session in odd-numbered years,
23 the three legislators from each legislative district shall convene to
24 appoint members of their district committee. Committee membership is
25 limited to twelve community members, one of whom must be a local
26 elected official, and who will serve as the nonvoting chair of the
27 committee.

28 (3) The department shall devise a process to guide committee
29 determination of proposed project priorities for funding from available
30 grant funds. Proposed projects must provide at least ten percent of
31 the total project costs to be eligible for grant matching funds. The
32 department shall give priority to those district projects that provide
33 the highest percentage of the proposed project cost through community
34 efforts. Eligible organizations include neighborhood associations and
35 similar entities.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department shall establish a pilot
2 project to operate in each legislative district, and shall gather data
3 on projects funded, community involvement, and completion outcomes.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act expires ten years after the
5 effective date of the first legislative appropriation into the account.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act constitute
7 a new chapter in Title 47 RCW.

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