
SENATE BILL 6031

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By Senators Haugen, Horn, Gardner, Patterson and Goings

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1 AN ACT Relating to regional transportation corridors; creating new
2 sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that growth in the
5 state's largest urban counties continues to place significant strain on
6 the transportation system. The expansion of traffic resulting from
7 population and growth has increased commuting travel time, diminished
8 reliable transit service, and created delays in freight shipments.
9 Traffic congestion does not recognize community boundaries. In
10 addition, the multiple jurisdictions that comprise urban transportation
11 networks often have inconsistent investment strategies that reduce the
12 effectiveness of a regional transportation system. A consistent
13 regional corridor systems approach is necessary to ensure reliable
14 travel across jurisdictions.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A multiagency corridor committee is
16 established to develop strategies to identify and achieve regional
17 transportation corridor networks. The committee shall develop regional
18 corridor network criteria and make recommendations to the legislature

1 on (a) achieving a consistent corridor planning approach that can be
2 implemented across jurisdictions; (b) corridor investment strategies
3 that address the rehabilitation of existing corridors and provide for
4 congestion relief; and (c) changes to state transportation policy and
5 funding programs needed to implement the corridor planning, investment,
6 and operations approach. The regional corridor network criteria must
7 support freight mobility, transit, and interjurisdictional trips.

8 (2) The committee shall consider at least the following when
9 developing regional corridor network criteria: (a) The financial
10 benefits and costs of a regional network, including improved travel
11 time and mobility for the public; (b) the implementation of land use
12 patterns that are consistent with the Growth Management Act and support
13 regional transit service, pedestrian environments, and increased
14 regional mobility options; and (c) legislative and local government
15 actions that can achieve consistent investments in regional
16 transportation corridors. These actions may include, but are not
17 limited to, new and existing financing options, interlocal agreements,
18 corridor operations and maintenance, and transportation system
19 ownership.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A member of the transportation commission or
21 a designee shall chair the committee. At a minimum, the committee must
22 include state legislators, representatives from cities, urban counties,
23 the metropolitan transportation planning organizations, transit
24 systems, the department of community, trade, and economic development,
25 the transportation improvement board, and the department of
26 transportation. The committee shall report its findings and
27 recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 1999.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
29 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
30 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
31 immediately.

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