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By Senators Haugen, Gardner, Prentice and Spanel

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1            AN ACT Relating to payment for improvements to regional  
2 transportation systems and facilities; and adding a new chapter to  
3 Title 47 RCW.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that significant  
6 new developments will increase burdens on state transportation systems  
7 and facilities. In order to improve the operating efficiency of state  
8 transportation systems and facilities, RCW 36.70A.070 requires that  
9 concurrent transportation improvements or strategies be made to  
10 accommodate the impacts of new development. The financial burdens of  
11 maintaining existing regional transportation facilities and creating  
12 capital improvements necessitated by new development must be borne  
13 equitably, in a proportional manner by developers, local governments,  
14 and the state.

15            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** Local governments that are currently  
16 responsible for ensuring that development proposals are consistent with  
17 local comprehensive plans and regional transportation plans, shall  
18 notify the department of transportation regarding any substantial

1 development proposal that, if approved, would impact state-owned and  
2 operated transportation facilities.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** As used in this chapter, "substantial  
4 development proposals" include, but are not limited to, the siting of  
5 industrial parks, shopping malls and other retail centers, large  
6 residential complexes, sports arenas, entertainment facilities, and  
7 convention centers.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department shall make an assessment of  
9 substantial development proposals for regional impacts they may have on  
10 state-owned and operated transportation facilities. If the department  
11 determines that the substantial development proposal will impact state-  
12 owned and operated transportation facilities, the department shall  
13 recommend to the appropriate local governments, in consultation with  
14 the relevant regional transportation planning organizations, a fee that  
15 must be assessed by the local government upon the developer to defray  
16 the cost of mitigating regional impacts to state-owned and operated  
17 transportation facilities. The amount of this suggested fee must not  
18 exceed the amount that the department can demonstrate is reasonably  
19 necessary as a direct result of the proposed development. The amount  
20 of this suggested fee must reflect a proportional share of the costs of  
21 system improvements that are reasonably related to the new development,  
22 and will reasonably benefit, the new development. When assessing  
23 mitigation fees, local governments shall also impose the department's  
24 suggested fee.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute  
26 a new chapter in Title 47 RCW.

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