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Brief Description: Enhancing coordination of special needs transportation.

**SB 5770 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares that, in order to increase efficiency, to reduce waste and duplication, to enable people to access social and health services, to provide a basic level of mobility, and to extend and improve transportation services to people with special transportation needs, the state shall implement the Program for Agency Coordinated Transportation. The program will improve transportation efficiency and effectiveness to maximize the use of community resources so that more people can be served within available funding levels.

Provides that, at the direction of the council, selected local county governments shall convene local planning forums and invite participation of all entities, including tribal governments, that serve or transport persons with special transportation needs. Counties are encouraged to coordinate and combine their forums and planning processes with other counties, as they find it appropriate.