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ATTY/TYPIST: LL:seg

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

2 SHB 2451 - H AMD

3 By Representative Ericksen

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5 On page 23, after line 16, insert the following:

6 "(3) \$125,000 of the motor vehicle account--state appropriation and
7 \$100,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state appropriation
8 are provided solely for an alternative corridor study. The department
9 of transportation shall employ a consultant to evaluate the feasibility
10 of developing an alternative corridor to Interstate 5 and Interstate
11 405 to expedite the movement of commerce between the Canadian border,
12 the central Puget Sound region, the south Puget Sound region, and more
13 southerly areas. The corridor would run from approximately the
14 Canadian border in the north to approximately Lewis county in the
15 south. This alternative corridor analysis shall address truck, rail,
16 pipeline, and other utility needs for the corridor, to determine the
17 feasibility of financing and constructing such a corridor, taking into
18 consideration: (a) Anticipated present and future freight demand as
19 well as freight traffic relief for existing state highway and rail
20 routes; (b) the potential for carrying general purpose traffic to
21 provide relief for other state highway routes; (c) a cost-benefit
22 analysis detailing various funding possibilities, including federal
23 funds and the use of charges and tolls to fund construction and
24 operation of the corridor as a utility corridor and a toll facility;
25 (d) an analysis detailing possible right of way locations, including
26 but not limited to property donations, trades, or credits between or
27 among the public and private sector; and (e) possible private sector,
28 local, or other partnerships that may be used to fund the project.

29 The department shall report its findings to the transportation
30 committees of the legislature by December 15, 2002."

EFFECT: Directs the department of transportation to commence a study examining the development of an alternative north-south freight corridor running from Lewis County to the Canadian border.

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