

2 **2SSB 5949** - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Transportation

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.36 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) When exercising its authority to erect and maintain motorist
10 information sign panels under RCW 47.36.310 and 47.36.320, the
11 department shall contract with a private contractor for a term of ten
12 years. The contractor selected by the department must be incorporated,
13 and must maintain an office, in this state.

14 (2) The contractor, at no cost to the department, is solely
15 responsible for marketing, administration, financial management, sign
16 fabrication, installation, and maintenance and is subject to the
17 provisions of this chapter otherwise applicable to the department. The
18 contractor may set the market rate to be charged to businesses
19 advertising on the motorist information signs.

20 (3) A contract entered into between the department and a contractor
21 must require the contractor to administer, fabricate, install, and
22 maintain community historical signs authorized for placement by the
23 department at no cost to the department.

24 (4) The department must let the contract to the highest bidder and
25 may set such contractual terms as it deems necessary to guarantee the
26 performance of the contract. The department shall periodically monitor
27 the performance of the contract.

28 (5) In letting a contract under this section the department shall
29 maximize revenue from the contracting out of this program."

30 Correct the title.

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