
HOUSE BILL 1665

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By Representatives Fisher, Mitchell and Poulsen; by request of The Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation

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1 AN ACT Relating to a review of transportation administration
2 practices; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review
5 committee shall conduct a performance review of the administrative
6 practices of the Washington state department of transportation. The
7 purpose of the review is to clarify operational costs and to identify
8 administrative or operational inefficiencies that can be improved.

9 (2) At a minimum, the review should include the following elements:

10 (a) Scale and size of accounting and management information systems
11 division staffs;

12 (b) Possible duplication of functions among regions and offices;

13 (c) Possible application of computer and Internet technology for
14 administration purposes;

15 (d) Scale and size of other departmental support programs,
16 including functions for highway management and facilities; finance and
17 administration; transportation planning, data, and research; and other
18 agency charges.

1 The review must be completed no later than October 31, 2002. The
2 joint legislative audit and review committee may contract for
3 specialized expertise as necessary to achieve the purposes of this
4 section.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The transportation accountability board,
6 created in House Bill No., shall conduct a thorough review of
7 administrative practices of each county, each city with a population of
8 five thousand or greater, and each transit district. The purpose of
9 the review is to clarify operational costs and to identify
10 administrative or operational inefficiencies that can be improved.

11 The transportation accountability board must develop a plan for
12 conducting the review. The board may consider using consultant support
13 or contracting out the performance reviews as necessary to achieve the
14 purposes of this section. The board shall submit its proposed plan to
15 the governor and the transportation committees of the house of
16 representatives and the senate no later than October 31, 2001.

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