
HOUSE BILL 2779

State of Washington 57th Legislature 2002 Regular Session

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Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to presenting alternative transportation plans to
2 the voters; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) The capacity of many of Washington state's transportation
6 facilities have failed to keep up with the state's growth;

7 (2) Current transportation revenues are not sufficient to fund, in
8 a timely way, many of the major capacity and other improvements
9 required on the state's highways;

10 (3) The decision whether to increase those revenues resides with
11 the people who use the transportation system and pay the taxes. The
12 people are entitled to a choice of options about how much additional
13 revenue should be raised, if any, and how to raise it, and what
14 efficiencies to require as a condition for any additional revenue.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature shall exercise its authority
16 under Article II, section 1(b) of the Washington state Constitution to
17 present two transportation funding plans to the voters.

1 (1) The two largest political parties that have elected members in
2 the Washington state legislature shall each develop a transportation
3 plan during the 2002 legislative session under the direction of their
4 respective legislative leaders. The legislative leaders may consult
5 with other interested parties or hold meetings to aid them in
6 developing the plan. The plan shall:

7 (a) Include additional sources of revenue dedicated to
8 transportation purposes;

9 (b) Require efficiencies to ensure that all transportation revenue
10 is spent effectively.

11 (2) The legislature must pass each plan developed under subsection
12 (1) of this section as a separate referendum. This action must take
13 place during the 2002 legislative session. The referendums shall be
14 presented to the voters at the next general election following the
15 effective date of this act. For purposes of this section, "2002
16 legislative session" includes any extraordinary sessions convened prior
17 to July 1, 2002.

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