
HOUSE BILL 2983

State of Washington

57th Legislature

2002 Regular Session

By Representatives Armstrong, Anderson, Mitchell, Morell, Mielke,
Pflug, Boldt, Woods and Kessler

Read first time 02/27/2002. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to maximizing the revenue generated from motorist
2 information sign panels; and adding a new section to chapter 47.36 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.36 RCW
5 to read as follows:

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

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

17 (3) A contract entered into between the department and a contractor
18 must require the contractor to administer, fabricate, install, and

1 maintain community historical signs authorized for placement by the
2 department at no cost to the department.

3 (4) The department may set such contractual terms as it deems
4 necessary to guarantee the performance of the contract. The department
5 shall periodically monitor the performance of the contract.

6 (5) The department shall hold a public auction to determine the
7 contractor specified in this section. The department shall give public
8 notice of the auction at least thirty days before the auction. The
9 highest bidder must be selected as the contractor. At the expiration
10 of the ten-year contract, the department shall again conduct a public
11 auction to determine the contractor for the next ten years.

--- END ---