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By Senators Benton, Roach, Finkbeiner, Johnson, Stevens, Rossi,
Hochstatter and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to appointment of the secretary of transportation;
2 and amending RCW 43.17.020 and 47.01.041.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.17.020 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 2 s 2 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 There shall be a chief executive officer of each department to be
7 known as: (1) The secretary of social and health services, (2) the
8 director of ecology, (3) the director of labor and industries, (4) the
9 director of agriculture, (5) the director of fish and wildlife, (6) the
10 secretary of transportation, (7) the director of licensing, (8) the
11 director of general administration, (9) the director of community,
12 trade, and economic development, (10) the director of veterans affairs,
13 (11) the director of revenue, (12) the director of retirement systems,
14 (13) the secretary of corrections, ~~((and))~~ (14) the secretary of
15 health, and (15) the director of financial institutions.

16 Such officers, except ~~((the secretary of transportation and))~~ the
17 director of fish and wildlife, shall be appointed by the governor, with
18 the consent of the senate, and hold office at the pleasure of the
19 governor. ~~((The secretary of transportation shall be appointed by the~~

1 ~~transportation commission as prescribed by RCW 47.01.041.)~~) The
2 director of fish and wildlife shall be appointed by the fish and
3 wildlife commission as prescribed by RCW 77.04.055.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.01.041 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 53 s 28 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 The executive head of the department of transportation shall be the
7 secretary of transportation, who shall be appointed by the
8 ~~((transportation commission))~~ governor, with the consent of the senate,
9 and may not take office or assume duties until confirmed by the senate,
10 and shall be paid a salary to be fixed by the governor in accordance
11 with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040. The secretary shall be an ex
12 officio member of the commission without a vote. The secretary shall
13 be the chief executive officer of the commission ~~((and be responsible~~
14 ~~to it, and shall be guided by policies established by it))~~. The
15 secretary shall serve ~~((until removed by the commission, but only for~~
16 ~~incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, malfeasance in office, or~~
17 ~~failure to carry out the commission's policies. Before a motion for~~
18 ~~dismissal shall be acted on by the commission, the secretary shall be~~
19 ~~granted a hearing on formal written charges before the full commission.~~
20 ~~An action by the commission to remove the secretary shall be final))~~ at
21 the pleasure of the governor.

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