
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5760

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Horn, Prentice, McAuliffe, Shin, Finkbeiner, Haugen and Kohl-Welles; by request of The Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation)

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1 AN ACT Relating to use of intelligent transportation systems and
2 traffic system management; adding a new section to chapter 47.05 RCW;
3 creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that emerging
7 technologies can assist in optimizing the state's large, complex, and
8 increasingly congested transportation system. Traffic system
9 management (TSM) and intelligent transportation systems (ITS) are
10 designed to add capacity without requiring major new infrastructure
11 additions.

12 The legislature intends that funding be provided to projects and
13 programs that provide cost-effective means of relieving congestion.
14 The projects and programs may include, but are not limited to, freeway
15 ramp metering, signal synchronization, patrols dedicated to removal of
16 disabled vehicles from roadways, and highway messaging signs.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.05 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 The department shall not spend more than five percent of funds from
2 the improvement program for intelligent transportation systems (ITS)
3 and traffic system management (TSM) projects and programs that improve
4 system performance and capacity. The projects and programs may
5 include, but are not limited to, the following: Traffic and incident
6 management, which includes freeway on-ramp metering; signal
7 synchronization; intersection modification; priority treatment for
8 high-occupancy and transit vehicles; and roving service patrols
9 designed to quickly remove disabled vehicles from roadways. Projects
10 and programs selected for funding under this section must undergo a
11 benefit/cost analysis that yields benefits greater than one to one.

12 By December 1st of each year the department must report to the
13 office of financial management and the legislature on the amount of
14 funds spent on intelligent transportation systems and traffic systems
15 projects and programs.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
19 July 1, 2001.

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