

5760-S

Sponsor(s): 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)

Brief Description: Directing use of intelligent transportation systems and traffic system management.

SB 5760-S.2E - DIGEST

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Finds that emerging technologies can assist in optimizing the state's large, complex, and increasingly congested transportation system. Traffic system management (TSM) and intelligent transportation systems (ITS) are designed to add capacity without requiring major new infrastructure additions.

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

Provides that the department shall not spend more than five percent of funds from the improvement program for intelligent transportation systems (ITS) and traffic system management (TSM) projects and programs that improve system performance and capacity.

Provides that, by December 1st of each year the department must report to the office of financial management and the legislature on the amount of funds spent on intelligent transportation systems and traffic systems projects and programs.