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Sponsor(s): Representatives Murray, Wallace, Cooper, Clibborn, Simpson, Rockefeller, Hudgins and Hankins

Brief Description: Extending commute trip reduction incentives.

HB 2228 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that employers and property managers in this state who are taxable under chapter 82.04 or 82.16 RCW and provide financial incentives to their own or other employees for ride sharing, for using public transportation, for using car sharing, or for using nonmotorized commuting before June 30, 2013, are allowed a credit against taxes payable under chapters 82.04 and 82.16 RCW for amounts paid to or on behalf of employees for ride sharing in vehicles carrying two or more persons, for using public transportation, for using car sharing, or for using nonmotorized commuting, not to exceed sixty dollars per employee per year.

Requires the director to on the 25th of February, May, August, and November of each year advise the state treasurer of the amount of credit taken under this act during the preceding calendar quarter ending on the last day of December, March, June, and September, respectively.

Provides that, on the last day of March, June, September, and December of each year, the state treasurer based upon information provided by the department shall deposit to the general fund a sum equal to the dollar amount of the credit provided under this act from the multimodal transportation account.

Directs the commute trip reduction task force to determine the effectiveness of the tax credit under this act as part of its ongoing evaluation of the commute trip reduction law and report to the legislative transportation committee and to the fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the senate. The report must include information on the amount of tax credits claimed to date and recommendations on future funding for the tax credit program. The report must be incorporated into the recommendations required in RCW 70.94.537(5).

Directs the department of transportation to administer a grant program for public agencies, nonprofit organizations, developers, and property managers who provide financial incentives for ride sharing in vehicles carrying two or more persons, for using public transportation, for using car sharing, or for using nonmotorized commuting, before June 30, 2013, to their own or other employees.

Repeals RCW 82.04.4453, 82.04.4454, 82.16.048, and 82.16.049.