

HB 1565-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that the transportation element required by RCW 36.70A.070 may include, in addition to improvements or strategies to accommodate the impacts of development authorized under RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b), multimodal transportation improvements or strategies that are made concurrent with the development. Such improvements or strategies may include, but are not limited to, measures implementing or evaluating: (1) Multiple modes of transportation with peak and nonpeak hour capacity performance standards on locally owned transportation facilities; and

(2) Modal performance standards meeting the peak and nonpeak hour capacity performance standards.

Requires the department of transportation to administer a study to examine multimodal transportation improvements and strategies to comply with the concurrency requirements of RCW 36.70A.070(6), subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose. The study shall be completed by one or more regional transportation planning organizations established under chapter 47.80 RCW electing to participate in the study.

Provides that the study shall, at a minimum, include: (1) An assessment and comprehensive summary of studies or reports examining concurrency requirements and practices in Washington;

(2) An examination of existing or proposed multimodal transportation improvements or strategies employed by a city in a county with a population of one million or more residents;

(3) An examination of transit services and how these services promote multimodal transportation improvements or strategies for jurisdictions planning under RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b);

(4) Recommendations for statutory and administrative rule changes that will further the promotion of effective multimodal transportation improvements and strategies that are consistent with the provisions of RCW 36.70A.070 and 36.70A.020(3);

(5) Recommendations for improving the coordination of concurrency practices in jurisdictions subject to RCW 36.70A.215;

(6) Recommendations for statutory and administrative rule changes that will further the promotion of effective multimodal transportation improvements and strategies that are consistent with the provisions of RCW 36.70A.070 and 36.70A.020(3);

(7) Recommendations for improving the coordination of concurrency practices in jurisdictions subject to RCW 36.70A.215;

(8) Recommendations on a methodology that jurisdictions may use to evaluate the effectiveness of multimodal concurrency strategies in jurisdictions subject to the provisions of RCW 36.70A.070 and 36.70A.020(3);

(9) An identification of effective multimodal transportation improvements and strategies employed by jurisdictions subject to RCW 36.70A.215;

(10) Recommendations for model multimodal transportation improvements and strategies that may be employed by counties and cities; and

(11) An examination of multimodal infrastructure needs, such as bus pull outs and pedestrian crosswalks and overpasses, and how these needs can be better identified in the plans required by RCW 36.70A.070(6).

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to, in coordination with participating regional transportation planning organizations completing the study established by this act, submit a report of findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31, 2006.