

HB 1642 - DIGEST

Finds that it is in the interest of the state to restructure the roles and responsibilities of the state's transportation agencies in order to improve efficiency and accountability.

Finds that continued citizen oversight of the state's transportation system remains an important priority. To achieve these purposes, the legislature intends to provide direct accountability of the department of transportation to the governor, in his or her role as chief executive officer of state government, by making the secretary of transportation a cabinet-level official.

Declares that it is essential to clearly delineate between the separate and distinct roles and responsibilities of the transportation commission and the department of transportation. Finally, consolidating the research and audit functions of the state's transportation agencies under a single citizen-governed entity, the transportation commission, will better serve the state.

Repeals RCW 44.28.161, 44.40.010, 44.40.013, 44.40.015, 44.40.030, 44.40.040, 44.40.090, 44.40.140, 44.40.150, 44.40.161, and 53.08.350.