

SHB 3096 - H AMD 1360

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the
4 replacement of the vulnerable state route number 520 bridge is a
5 matter of urgency for the safety of Washington's traveling public
6 and the needs of the transportation system in central Puget Sound.
7 The state route number 520 bridge is forty-four years old and one
8 hundred fifteen thousand vehicles travel on the bridge each day.
9 There is an ever present likelihood that wind or an earthquake
10 could suddenly destroy the bridge or render it unusable.
11 Therefore, the state must develop a comprehensive approach to fund
12 a state route number 520 bridge replacement to be constructed as
13 quickly as possible.

14 The legislature further finds that one billion seven hundred
15 million dollars in state and federal funding sources have been
16 allocated to the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV project.
17 Therefore, all current resources must be used as efficiently as
18 possible and constructing immediate improvements for SR 520 will
19 provide safety and congestion relief benefits.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.32
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 The tax imposed and collected under chapters 82.08 and 82.12
23 RCW on the construction of the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV
24 project must be transferred to the project to defray the costs or
25 pay debt service on that project.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01
27 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV project shall proceed
2 in two phases. Phase one will provide immediate safety and
3 congestion reduction benefits and phase two will provide additional
4 improvements as funding becomes available. All improvements
5 identified in this section shall be constructed on pontoons that
6 provide capacity for six lanes and provide for additional lanes or
7 dedicated right-of-way for high-capacity transportation without
8 additional retrofitting or construction.

9 (2) Within existing resources allocated by the legislature to
10 the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV project, the department shall
11 immediately proceed with design and construction of phase one of
12 the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV project. Phase one shall
13 include the following elements:

14 (a) Replacement of the floating bridge with eight lanes or six
15 lanes and dedicated right-of-way for high-capacity transportation;

16 (b) Replacement of over water approach structures from the
17 Montlake interchange to 84th Avenue Northeast and elimination of
18 the west side s-curve; and

19 (c) Replacement of the Portage Bay Viaduct with a structure
20 that meets the needs of the preferred alternative.

21 (3) As additional funding becomes available, phase two shall
22 include all other elements of the preferred alternative not
23 constructed as part of phase one including rebuilding the over land
24 segments of the SR 520 corridor and ramps to and from the
25 Interstate 5 Express Lanes."

26 Correct the title.

EFFECT:

- Removes all sections of the underlying bill.
- Declares that the replacement of the SR 520 floating bridge is a matter of urgency and must be done as quickly and efficiently as possible.
- Transfers sales tax collected on the project back to the project.
- Requires the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV project to be conducted in two phases, with the first phase beginning immediately and utilizing the funding available in order to replace the floating bridge, the western approach to the bridge, and the Portage Bay Viaduct. The second phase, which will begin when funding is available,

will consist of the remaining elements of the preferred alternative.