
HOUSE BILL 2197

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1 AN ACT Relating to prioritizing existing funding for special safety
2 corridor projects; adding a new section to chapter 46.68 RCW; providing
3 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.68 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The special safety corridor account is created in the motor
8 vehicle fund. All receipts from taxes imposed under RCW 82.08.020 and
9 82.12.020 on materials, labor, equipment, contracts, and components
10 used for constructing any state transportation project authorized by
11 the legislature must be deposited into the account, except for those
12 amounts that are in excess of seventy million dollars each fiscal year.
13 Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
14 Expenditures from the account may be used for special safety corridor
15 projects. Special safety corridor projects are projects that may
16 require bond financing to complete construction and safety
17 improvements. The following criteria shall be used in determining
18 which special safety corridor projects have the highest priority:

19 (a) Fatal accident experience;

- 1 (b) Historic underfunding of safety improvements;
2 (c) Ability to leverage additional nonstate revenue sources;
3 (d) Contribute to the economic development of the corridor; and
4 (e) Provide additional capacity to move people and goods safely.

5 (2) The following projects, listed in order of priority, are
6 eligible for special safety corridor account funding:

7 (a) State route number 2 beginning near the junction with state
8 route number 9 at milepost 5 to the King county line at Stevens Pass
9 near milepost 64;

10 (b) State route number 97 beginning at milepost 0 to milepost 63;
11 and

12 (c) State route number 20 beginning near Sedro Woolley at milepost
13 64 to near Newport at milepost 436.

14 Moneys deposited in the special safety corridor account in the
15 motor vehicle fund may be used for payment of debt service on bonds the
16 proceeds of which are used to finance special safety corridor projects
17 under this section.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
20 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
21 July 1, 2007.

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