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1 AN ACT Relating to a statewide infrastructure investment strategy;
2 and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that while state and
5 local governments invest billions of dollars per year in infrastructure
6 development and rehabilitation through numerous programs, there is no
7 overall strategy guiding our state's infrastructure investments. The
8 legislature also finds that the state often undertakes significant new
9 policy initiatives that impact how infrastructure funds are spent,
10 without identifying funding needs or sources necessary to achieve the
11 policy objectives. Therefore, the legislature finds that a statewide
12 infrastructure investment strategy is necessary to provide policy
13 direction for our infrastructure investments and to identify sufficient
14 and sustainable funding for infrastructure investments that will help
15 the state achieve its policy priorities.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The office of financial management, in
17 consultation with the joint legislative infrastructure oversight
18 committee on a statewide infrastructure investment strategy created in

1 section 3 of this act, is directed to develop a twenty-year statewide
2 infrastructure investment strategy to provide policy direction for
3 state infrastructure investments and identify sufficient and
4 sustainable funding for investments needed to implement policy
5 initiatives of the state. The strategy must provide the following:

6 (1) Identify the state's financial responsibility for
7 infrastructure investment necessary to achieve the state's policy goals
8 and obligations over the next twenty years relating to:

9 (a) Basic infrastructure;

10 (b) Housing to accommodate growth;

11 (c) Economic development;

12 (d) Transportation mobility and congestion relief;

13 (e) Parks and recreational facilities;

14 (f) Open space and the environment;

15 (g) K-12 and higher education;

16 (h) Community development and arts facilities;

17 (i) Historic and cultural sites; and

18 (j) Criminal justice and public safety;

19 (2) Identify appropriate funding sources and forecasted revenues
20 during the next twenty years for infrastructure investments identified
21 in categories outlined in subsection (1)(a) through (j) of this
22 section;

23 (3) In the event available funding falls short of identified need,
24 identify potential new funding sources to meet the twenty-year funding
25 need;

26 (4) Determine whether existing state infrastructure funding
27 programs appropriately reflect and support the achievement of the
28 state's policy goals and obligations for the infrastructure categories
29 identified in subsection (1)(a) through (j) of this section; and

30 (5) Make appropriate recommendations for either restructuring state
31 infrastructure funding assistance programs or creating new programs, or
32 both, to help meet state policy goals and obligations. Recommendations
33 must include criteria necessary for eligibility to receive funding
34 assistance for each state infrastructure funding assistance program.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The joint legislative infrastructure
36 oversight committee on a statewide infrastructure investment strategy

1 is created. The committee consists of the chair and ranking minority
2 member of the following legislative committees:

- 3 (a) The senate ways and means committee;
- 4 (b) The house of representatives capital budget committee; and
- 5 (c) The senate and house of representatives transportation
6 committees.

7 (2) The office of financial management and the joint legislative
8 infrastructure oversight committee on a statewide infrastructure
9 investment strategy must produce a progress report by December 1, 2008,
10 for review by the appropriate standing committees of the legislature.
11 During 2009, the office of financial management and the committee shall
12 conduct public meetings with stakeholders to solicit input on the final
13 report. The final report must be completed and submitted to the
14 senate, the house of representatives, and the office of financial
15 management by December 1, 2009.

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