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SENATE BILL 6188

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By Senators Stevens, Swecker, Sheldon, and Hobbs

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1            AN ACT Relating to highway emergency projects; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 47.20 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.20 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) If a project qualifies as an emergency project under subsection  
7 (2) of this section, the department shall, as soon as practicable, take  
8 all necessary steps to complete environmental reviews, engineering, and  
9 design to ensure prompt construction of the project.

10           (2) An emergency project is any project that meets all of the  
11 following conditions:

12           (a) The project is planned for a highway of statewide significance;

13           (b) The project is on a route that has been declared a safety  
14 corridor by the governor or the department;

15           (c) The project was first proposed by a state or local agency at  
16 least forty years before the date of the declaration made under (b) of  
17 this subsection;

18           (d) A feasibility study was completed on the project at least forty

1 years before the date of the declaration made under (b) of this  
2 subsection;

3 (e) The department has acquired a substantial portion of the right-  
4 of-way necessary for completion of the project;

5 (f) The purpose of the project is not served through the completion  
6 of a different project; and

7 (g) The need for the project has not been substantially diminished.

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