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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2721**

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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives  
Upthegrove, Orwall, Kenney, Liias, Nelson, and Chase)

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1            AN ACT Relating to commute trip reduction programs; and amending  
2            RCW 70.94.531.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.94.531 and 2006 c 329 s 5 are each amended to read  
5            as follows:

6            (1) State agency worksites are subject to the same requirements  
7            under this section and RCW 70.94.534 as private employers.

8            (2)(a) Not more than ninety days after the adoption of a  
9            jurisdiction's commute trip reduction plan, each major employer in that  
10            jurisdiction shall perform a baseline measurement consistent with the  
11            rules established by the department of transportation under RCW  
12            70.94.537. Not more than ninety days after receiving the results of  
13            the baseline measurement, each major employer shall develop a commute  
14            trip reduction program and shall submit a description of that program  
15            to the jurisdiction for review. The program shall be implemented not  
16            more than ninety days after approval by the jurisdiction.

17            (b) For the purposes of satisfying the requirements of (a) of this  
18            subsection, two or more major employers whose employees commute to a  
19            single site or contiguous sites may prepare and submit a joint plan to

1 the jurisdiction for review. For purposes of allocating funds, each  
2 worksite identified in a joint plan will continue to be recognized.  
3 Nothing in this subsection (2)(b) is intended to modify the data  
4 required to be reported by major employers.

5 (3) A commute trip reduction program of a major employer shall  
6 consist of, at a minimum (a) designation of a transportation  
7 coordinator and the display of the name, location, and telephone number  
8 of the coordinator in a prominent manner at each affected worksite; (b)  
9 regular distribution of information to employees regarding alternatives  
10 to single-occupant vehicle commuting; (c) a regular review of employee  
11 commuting and reporting of progress toward meeting the single-occupant  
12 vehicle reduction goals to the county, city, or town consistent with  
13 the method established in the commute trip reduction plan and the rules  
14 established by the department of transportation under RCW 70.94.537;  
15 and (d) implementation of a set of measures designed to achieve the  
16 applicable commute trip reduction goals adopted by the jurisdiction.  
17 Such measures may include but are not limited to:

- 18 (i) Provision of preferential parking or reduced parking charges,  
19 or both, for high occupancy vehicles;
- 20 (ii) Instituting or increasing parking charges for single-occupant  
21 vehicles;
- 22 (iii) Provision of commuter ride matching services to facilitate  
23 employee ridesharing for commute trips;
- 24 (iv) Provision of subsidies for transit fares;
- 25 (v) Provision of vans for van pools;
- 26 (vi) Provision of subsidies for car pooling or van pooling;
- 27 (vii) Permitting the use of the employer's vehicles for car pooling  
28 or van pooling;
- 29 (viii) Permitting flexible work schedules to facilitate employees'  
30 use of transit, car pools, or van pools;
- 31 (ix) Cooperation with transportation providers to provide  
32 additional regular or express service to the worksite;
- 33 (x) Construction of special loading and unloading facilities for  
34 transit, car pool, and van pool users;
- 35 (xi) Provision of bicycle parking facilities, lockers, changing  
36 areas, and showers for employees who bicycle or walk to work;
- 37 (xii) Provision of a program of parking incentives such as a rebate  
38 for employees who do not use the parking facility;

1 (xiii) Establishment of a program to permit employees to work part  
2 or full time at home or at an alternative worksite closer to their  
3 homes;

4 (xiv) Establishment of a program of alternative work schedules such  
5 as compressed work week schedules which reduce commuting; and

6 (xv) Implementation of other measures designed to facilitate the  
7 use of high occupancy vehicles such as on-site day care facilities and  
8 emergency taxi services.

9 (4) Employers or owners of worksites may form or utilize existing  
10 transportation management associations or other transportation-related  
11 associations authorized by RCW 35.87A.010 to assist members in  
12 developing and implementing commute trip reduction programs.

13 (5) Employers shall make a good faith effort towards achievement of  
14 the goals identified in RCW 70.94.527(4)(d).

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