
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5682

State of Washington

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2009 Regular Session

By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Marr)

READ FIRST TIME 03/02/09.

1 AN ACT Relating to the realignment of transportation regions; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 47.01 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 47.01 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature recognizes that the urban corridors office
7 within the department operates as a seventh administrative region.
8 Therefore, the legislature intends that the regional consolidation in
9 this section will result in a decrease in the number of total regions.
10 This consolidation will also result in a reduction in the amount of
11 regional management level staff by at least five percent by July 1,
12 2011.

13 (2) Beginning in January 2010 and completed by July 1, 2011, as a
14 means of reducing department administrative costs and providing more
15 efficient use of department resources, the secretary shall realign the
16 transportation regions to generally include:

17 (a) The Olympic region, containing Clallam, Jefferson, Grays
18 Harbor, Mason, Lewis, Kitsap, and Thurston counties;

1 (b) The southwest region, containing Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz,
2 Clark, and Skamania counties;
3 (c) The northwest region, containing San Juan, Island, Whatcom, and
4 Skagit counties;
5 (d) The Puget Sound region, containing King, Pierce, and Snohomish
6 counties;
7 (e) The south central region, containing Chelan, Douglas, Grant,
8 Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, and Klickitat counties, with a
9 connection into Walla Walla county along state route number 12 to the
10 Tri-Cities area; and
11 (f) The eastern region, containing Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, Pend
12 Oreille, Lincoln, Spokane, Adams, Whitman, Columbia, Garfield, and
13 Asotin counties, and that portion of Walla Walla county not included in
14 (e) of this subsection.

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