

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESHB 1175

PARTIAL VETO C 367 L 11 Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Making transportation appropriations for the 2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal biennia.

Sponsors: House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, Armstrong, Liias and Billig; by request of Governor Gregoire).

House Committee on Transportation

Background:

The operating and capital expenses of state transportation agencies and programs are funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus transportation appropriations act (transportation budget) adopted by the Legislature in odd-numbered years. The Transportation Budget provides appropriations to the major transportation agencies including: the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT); the Washington State Patrol; the Department of Licensing; the Washington Traffic Safety Commission; the Transportation Improvement Board; the County Road Administration Board; and the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board. The transportation budget also provides appropriations out of transportation funds to many smaller agencies with transportation functions.

Summary:

Appropriations are made for state transportation agencies and programs for the 2011-13 fiscal biennium. Adjustments are made to the appropriations for certain agencies and programs for the 2009-11 fiscal biennium.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	89	6	
Senate	39	9	(Senate amended)
House	87	9	(House concurred)

Effective: May 16, 2011
July 1, 2011 (Sections 703, 704, 716, and 719)

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Partial Veto Summary: For the 2011-13 Transportation Budget, the Governor vetoed 22 provisions as the result of policy differences, technical matters, or other reasons. Of the provisions vetoed, 14 are related directly to the WSDOT's Ferry Operating and Capital programs or indirectly to the ferry programs via studies, the Marine Employees' Commission, or other agency oversight. While most of the vetoes do not impact appropriations, two have the net effect of reducing appropriations by \$479,000.

For the 2009-11 Supplemental Operating Budget, the Governor vetoed a provision relating to a reduction in spending in the WSDOT Rail Operating program attributable to Amtrak credits. Amtrak miscalculated the extent of the credit. The veto restores the 2010 appropriation amount, an increase of \$7.5 million.

See the veto message for specific items.