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By Senators Kastama, Chase, Sheldon, Hobbs, Conway, Keiser, and Shin

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1            AN ACT Relating to an assessment of the department of  
2 transportation's management, accountability, and performance system;  
3 and adding a new section to chapter 47.04 RCW.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.04 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) Within the amounts provided for the department's program  
8 delivery management and support - program H in the 2011-2013 omnibus  
9 transportation appropriations act, one million dollars of the motor  
10 vehicle account--state appropriation must be held in unallotted status  
11 by the office of financial management until the department has  
12 completed an agency-wide, independent management, accountability, and  
13 performance system assessment in accordance with subsection (2) of this  
14 section.

15            (2) Beginning in 2012, and at least once every three years  
16 thereafter, the department shall apply to the Washington state quality  
17 award, or similar organization, for an independent assessment of its  
18 quality management, accountability, and performance system. The  
19 assessment must evaluate the effectiveness of all elements of the

1 department's management, accountability, and performance system,  
2 including leadership, strategic planning, customer focus, analysis and  
3 information, employee performance management, and process improvement.  
4 The purpose of the assessment is to recognize best practice and  
5 identify improvement opportunities.

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