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1 AN ACT Relating to transparency in state capital and transportation  
2 budget appropriations and expenditures; amending RCW 44.48.150; adding  
3 a new section to chapter 43.88 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The intent of the legislature is to make  
6 state capital budget and transportation budget appropriation and  
7 expenditure data as transparent and easy to use by the public as is  
8 feasible. It is important to provide information to the public on  
9 state capital and transportation investments by legislative district  
10 and county in a format that is easy to navigate and comprehend.  
11 Providing such information contributes to governmental accountability,  
12 public participation, agency efficiency, and open government.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 44.48.150 and 2008 c 326 s 2 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 (1) By January 1, 2009, in collaboration with the office of  
16 financial management, using existing databases and structures currently  
17 shared, the office of the legislative evaluation and accountability  
18 program committee shall establish and make available to the public a

1 searchable state expenditure information web site. The state  
2 expenditure information web site shall provide access to current budget  
3 data, access to current accounting data for budgeted expenditures and  
4 staff, and access to historical data. At a minimum, the web site will  
5 provide access or links to the following information as data are  
6 available:

7 (a) State expenditures by fund or account;

8 (b) State expenditures by agency, program, and subprogram;

9 (c) State revenues by major source;

10 (d) State expenditures by object and subobject;

11 (e) State agency workloads, caseloads, and performance measures,  
12 and recent performance audits; and

13 (f) State agency budget data by activity.

14 (2) "State agency," as used in this section, includes every state  
15 agency, office, board, commission, or institution of the executive,  
16 legislative, or judicial branches, including institutions of higher  
17 education.

18 (3) The state expenditure information web site shall be updated  
19 periodically as subsequent fiscal year data become available, and the  
20 prior year expenditure data shall be maintained by the legislative  
21 evaluation and accountability program committee as part of its ten-year  
22 historical budget data.

23 (4) By January 1, 2014, current and future capital project and  
24 transportation project investments must be coded with the geographic  
25 information sufficient to permit the public to search and identify  
26 appropriation and expenditure data at the parent and subproject level  
27 to the extent available by:

28 (a) State legislative district;

29 (b) County; and

30 (c) Agency project identifier.

31 (5) The office of the legislative evaluation and accountability  
32 program committee must, within existing resources, update the state  
33 expenditure information web site to allow the public to search for  
34 capital budget and transportation projects by selecting from an online  
35 geographical map. The map must allow an in-depth examination of  
36 financial and other data associated with such projects. Data elements  
37 must include:

38 (a) Project title;

- 1        (b) Total appropriation;  
2        (c) Project description;  
3        (d) Expenditure data; and  
4        (e) Administering agency.  
5        (6) The web site must be easy to use, contain current and readily  
6        available data, and allow for review and analysis by the public. The  
7        legislative evaluation and accountability program committee must test  
8        the web site with potential users to ensure that it is easy to navigate  
9        and comprehend.

10        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12        (1) The office of financial management must establish objectives  
13 and performance measures for capital budget and transportation budget  
14 investments. Performance measures must include jobs created or  
15 retained when available. Other performance measures may include  
16 habitat restored, schools built or modernized, fish barriers removed,  
17 prison beds, higher education facilities built, energy renovations,  
18 state structures maintained, bridges repaired, highways built, as well  
19 as other measures.

20        (2) The performance measures established in subsection (1) of this  
21 section must be reported on the state expenditure information web site  
22 described in RCW 44.48.150.

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