
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1986

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Ban, Rodne, Magendanz, Zeiger, Kristiansen, Klippert, and Hayes)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the reporting of highway construction project
2 errors; and 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 department shall submit a report to the transportation
7 committees of the legislature detailing engineering errors on highway
8 construction projects resulting in project cost increases in excess of
9 five hundred thousand dollars. The department must submit an initial
10 report of an engineering error within thirty days of the engineering
11 error occurring. A full report must be submitted within ninety days of
12 the engineering error occurring.

13 (2) The department's full report must include an assessment and
14 review of:

15 (a) How the engineering error happened;

16 (b) The department of the employee or employees responsible for the
17 engineering error, without disclosing the name of the employee or
18 employees;

19 (c) What corrective action was taken;

1 (d) The estimated total cost of the engineering error and how the
2 department plans to mitigate that cost;

3 (e) Whether the cost of the engineering error will impact the
4 overall project financial plan; and

5 (f) What action the secretary has recommended to avoid similar
6 engineering errors in the future. If the legislature finds that the
7 actions taken by the secretary were inadequate, the legislature may
8 take additional action to correct the problem.

9 (3) Within ninety days of the effective date of this section, a
10 report must be submitted on engineering errors that have occurred on
11 projects that are currently under construction and not yet
12 operationally complete.

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