

HB 1957-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 6/25/13)

Provides that the legislature intends the department of transportation to deliver the projects and activities listed in LEAP Transportation Document 2013-L1, as developed June 23, 2013, as funded by new revenues provided in Substitute House Bill No. 1954 or Senate Bill No. 5920.

Requires the department of transportation to: (1) Convene three expert review panels to provide independent financial and technical review for the development of a finance plan and project implementation plan for the Columbia river crossing project, the state route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV project, and the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project;

(2) Use available technologies to minimize permit delays for, inform and interact with interested parties including relevant environmental regulatory authorities regarding, and optimize the effectiveness of proposed compensatory mitigation projects; and

(3) Consider, for compensatory mitigation, the correction of fish passage barriers on city streets and county roads located within the same watershed as the proposed project.

Provides that the act takes effect only if SHB 1954 or SB 5920 is enacted by July 31, 2013.