

SHB 1842 - H AMD 564

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The central Puget Sound is projected to
4 grow considerably, in both population and jobs, over the course of
5 the next several decades. It is thus critical that all its
6 transportation infrastructure be well planned and coordinated,
7 including its transit systems. It is the intent of the legislature to
8 encourage this planning and coordination on the part of central Puget
9 Sound transit systems in order to improve the user experience,
10 increase ridership, and make the most effective use of tax dollars.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.58.2796 and 2011 c 371 s 2 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1)(a) The department of transportation shall develop an annual
14 report summarizing the status of public transportation systems in the
15 state for the previous calendar year. By December 1st of each year,
16 the report must be made available to the transportation committees of
17 the legislature and to each municipality, as defined in RCW
18 35.58.272, and to individual members of the municipality's
19 legislative authority.

20 ((+2)) (b) To assist the department with preparation of the
21 report, each municipality shall file a system report by September 1st
22 of each year with the state department of transportation identifying
23 its public transportation services for the previous calendar year and
24 its objectives for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of
25 those services. The system report shall address those items required
26 for each public transportation system in the department's report.

27 ((+3)) (c) The department report shall describe individual
28 public transportation systems, including contracted transportation
29 services and dial-a-ride services, and include a statewide summary of
30 public transportation issues and data. The descriptions shall include
31 the following elements and such other elements as the department

1 deems appropriate after consultation with the municipalities and the
2 transportation committees of the legislature:

3 ~~((a))~~ (i) Equipment and facilities, including vehicle
4 replacement standards;

5 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Services and service standards;

6 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Revenues, expenses, and ending balances, by fund
7 source;

8 ~~((d))~~ (iv) Policy issues and system improvement objectives,
9 including community participation in development of those objectives
10 and how those objectives address statewide transportation priorities;

11 ~~((e))~~ (v) Operating indicators applied to public transportation
12 services, revenues, and expenses. Operating indicators shall include
13 operating cost per passenger trip, operating cost per revenue vehicle
14 service hour, passenger trips per revenue service hour, passenger
15 trips per vehicle service mile, vehicle service hours per employee,
16 and farebox revenue as a percent of operating costs.

17 ~~((4))~~ (d) To the extent that information is available, the
18 department report must include descriptive information on any other
19 modes of public transportation, the impact of public transportation
20 on transportation system performance, and how public transportation
21 helps the state meet the transportation system policy goals described
22 in RCW 47.04.280.

23 (2)(a) The department of transportation shall develop an annual
24 report summarizing the status of public transportation system
25 coordination in and between counties with a population of seven
26 hundred thousand or more that border Puget Sound for the previous
27 calendar year. By December 1st of each year, the report must be made
28 available to the transportation committees of the legislature and to
29 each municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, located in a county
30 with a population of seven hundred thousand or more that borders
31 Puget Sound and to individual members of the municipality's
32 legislative authority.

33 (b) To assist the department with preparation of the report
34 required under this subsection, each municipality, as defined in RCW
35 35.58.272, located in a county with a population of seven hundred
36 thousand or more that borders Puget Sound shall file a report by
37 September 1st of each year with the department identifying its
38 coordination efforts in the previous calendar year with other
39 municipalities, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, located in counties with

1 a population of seven hundred thousand or more that border Puget
2 Sound in the following areas:

3 (i) Integrating marketing efforts;

4 (ii) Aligning fare structures;

5 (iii) Integrating service planning;

6 (iv) Coordinating long-range planning, including capital projects
7 planning and implementation;

8 (v) Integrating other administrative functions and internal
9 business processes as appropriate; and

10 (vi) Integrating certain customer-focused tools and initiatives.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.66.030 and 2005 c 318 s 4 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1)(a) The department shall establish a regional mobility grant
14 program. The purpose of the grant program is to aid local governments
15 in funding projects such as intercounty connectivity service, park
16 and ride lots, rush hour transit service, and capital projects that
17 improve the connectivity and efficiency of our transportation system.
18 The department shall identify cost-effective projects that reduce
19 delay for people and goods and improve connectivity between counties
20 and regional population centers. The department shall submit a
21 prioritized list of all projects requesting funding to the
22 legislature by December 1st of each year.

23 (b) Once the department has a prioritized list, pursuant to (a)
24 of this subsection and RCW 47.66.040, of all projects requesting
25 funding, the department shall reprioritize the projects in counties
26 with a population of seven hundred thousand or more that border Puget
27 Sound based on the same criteria used for the prioritized list as
28 well as the additional criteria of coordination and integration.
29 After this reprioritization, the department shall integrate these
30 reprioritized projects with the prioritized projects from all other
31 counties while ensuring that the prioritized projects from all other
32 counties do not move to a lower relative position on this integrated
33 list or, if a prioritized project from all other counties is in the
34 funded portion of the prioritized list, out of the funded portion of
35 this integrated list.

36 (2) The department may establish an advisory committee to carry
37 out the mandates of this chapter.

1 (3) The department must report annually to the transportation
2 committees of the legislature on the status of any grants projects
3 funded by the program created under this section.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 47.66
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The transit coordination grant program is created in the
7 department. The purpose of the transit coordination grant program is
8 to encourage joint planning and coordination on the part of central
9 Puget Sound transit systems in order to improve the user experience,
10 increase ridership, and make the most effective use of tax dollars.
11 The department shall oversee, manage, score, select, and evaluate
12 transit coordination grant program project applications, and shall
13 select transit coordination grant recipients annually. A transit
14 agency located in a county or counties with a population of seven
15 hundred thousand or more that border Puget Sound is eligible to apply
16 to the department for transit coordination grants.

17 (2) Projects eligible for transit coordination grants include,
18 but are not limited to, projects that:

19 (a) Integrate marketing efforts;

20 (b) Align fare structures;

21 (c) Integrate service planning;

22 (d) Coordinate long-range planning, including capital projects
23 planning and implementation;

24 (e) Integrate other administrative functions and internal
25 business processes as appropriate; and

26 (f) Integrate certain customer-focused tools and initiatives.

27 (3) Transit coordination grants must, at a minimum, be proposed
28 jointly by two or more eligible transit agencies and must include a
29 description of the:

30 (a) Issue or problem to be addressed;

31 (b) Specific solution and measurable outcomes;

32 (c) Benefits such as cost savings, travel time improvements,
33 improved coordination, and improved customer experience; and

34 (d) Performance measurements and an evaluation plan that includes
35 the identification of milestones towards successful completion of the
36 project.

37 (4) Transit coordination grant applications must include
38 measurable outcomes for the project including, but not limited to,
39 the following:

1 (a) Impacts on service, such as increased service, improved
2 service delivery, and improved transfers and coordination across
3 transit service;

4 (b) Impacts on customer service, such as: Improved reliability;
5 improved outreach and coordination with customers, employers, and
6 communities; improvements in customer service functions, such as
7 customer response time and web-based and other communications; and

8 (c) Impacts on administration, such as improved marketing and
9 outreach efforts, integrated customer-focused tools, and improved
10 cross-agency communications.

11 (5) Transit coordination grant applications must also include:

12 (a) Project budget and cost details; and

13 (b) A commitment and description of local matching funding of at
14 least ten percent of the project cost.

15 (6) Upon completion of the project, transit coordination grant
16 recipients must provide a report to the department that includes an
17 overview of the project, how the grant funds were spent, and the
18 extent to which the identified project outcomes were met. In
19 addition, such reports must include a description of best practices
20 that could be transferred to other transit agencies faced with
21 similar issues to those addressed by the transit coordination grant
22 recipient. The department must report annually to the transportation
23 committees of the legislature on the transit coordination grants that
24 were awarded, and the report must include data to determine if
25 completed transit coordination grant projects produced the
26 anticipated outcomes included in the grant applications.

27 (7) This section expires July 1, 2020.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
29 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
30 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
31 effect immediately."

32 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Creates a transit coordination grant program in the
Washington State Department of Transportation, establishes criteria
for the awarding of transit coordination grants, and requires various

reports related to the program. Adds an emergency clause such that the entire bill takes effect immediately.

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