
SENATE BILL 5995

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the transportation system policy
2 goal of mobility; amending RCW 47.04.280; providing an effective
3 date; providing a contingent effective date; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.04.280 and 2013 c 199 s 1 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to establish policy goals
9 for the planning, operation, performance of, and investment in, the
10 state's transportation system. The policy goals established under
11 this section are deemed consistent with the benchmark categories
12 adopted by the state's blue ribbon commission on transportation on
13 November 30, 2000. Public investments in transportation should
14 support achievement of these policy goals:

15 (a) Economic vitality: To promote and develop transportation
16 systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people
17 and goods to ensure a prosperous economy;

18 (b) Preservation: To maintain, preserve, and extend the life and
19 utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services;

20 (c) Safety: To provide for and improve the safety and security of
21 transportation customers and the transportation system;

1 (d) Mobility: To improve the predictable movement of goods and
2 people throughout Washington state, including congestion relief and
3 improved freight mobility;

4 (e) Environment: To enhance Washington's quality of life through
5 transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance
6 healthy communities, and protect the environment; and

7 (f) Stewardship: To continuously improve the quality,
8 effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system.

9 (2) The powers, duties, and functions of state transportation
10 agencies must be performed in a manner consistent with the policy
11 goals set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

12 (3) These policy goals are intended to be the basis for
13 establishing detailed and measurable objectives and related
14 performance measures.

15 (4) It is the intent of the legislature that the office of
16 financial management establish objectives and performance measures
17 for the department of transportation and other state agencies with
18 transportation-related responsibilities to ensure transportation
19 system performance at local, regional, and state government levels
20 progresses toward the attainment of the policy goals set forth in
21 subsection (1) of this section. The office of financial management
22 shall submit initial objectives and performance measures to the
23 legislature for its review and shall provide copies of the same to
24 the commission during the 2008 legislative session. The office of
25 financial management shall submit objectives and performance measures
26 to the legislature for its review and shall provide copies of the
27 same to the commission during each regular session of the legislature
28 during an even-numbered year thereafter.

29 (5) A local or regional agency engaging in transportation
30 planning may voluntarily establish objectives and performance
31 measures to demonstrate progress toward the attainment of the policy
32 goals set forth in subsection (1) of this section or any other
33 transportation policy goals established by the local or regional
34 agency. A local or regional agency engaging in transportation
35 planning is encouraged to provide local and regional objectives and
36 performance measures to be included with the objectives and
37 performance measures submitted to the legislature pursuant to
38 subsection (4) of this section.

39 (6) This section does not create a private right of action.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
3 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
4 effect July 1, 2015.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect only if chapter ...
6 (Senate Bill No. ... (S-1301/15)), Laws of 2015 is enacted by June
7 30, 2015.

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