

ESB 5096 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2628.2/17) 501
By Representative Taylor

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1 On page 39, beginning on line 13 of the amendment, after "(a)"
2 strike all material through "reached" on line 35 and insert "The
3 legislature has long recognized that the city of Mercer Island has a
4 unique geography and unique access issues that make it dependent on
5 Interstate 90 for access on and off the island and that this access
6 may be impeded by the I-90/Two Way Transit and HOV Improvements
7 project and subsequent leasing of the center roadway. The department
8 must implement the 2007 "Revised Access Plan for Mercer Island on
9 I-90 from I-5 to I-405," as mandated by prior legislatures, and
10 continue to work with the city of Mercer Island to ensure such
11 implementation complies with federal law.

12 (24) The legislature recognizes that the leasing of a critical
13 highway corridor has far-reaching impacts for the entire state.
14 Before the department transfers or leases any rights to a regional
15 transit agency for the Interstate 90 center lane corridor from
16 Interstate 5 to Interstate 405, the legislature shall hold hearings
17 and the department shall report the following findings to the
18 legislature for approval:

19 (a) The results of a full and comprehensive updated appraisal by
20 a three-member panel of independent appraisers of the fair market
21 value of the Interstate 90 center lane corridor from Interstate 5 to
22 Interstate 405 using all generally accepted valuation procedures;

23 (b) An analysis of the impact to regional bus and auto commuters
24 from the necessity of closing the Interstate 90 center lane corridor
25 from Interstate 5 to Interstate 405 for six or more years prior to
26 light rail operation;

27 (c) A new, full, and comprehensive environmental impact statement
28 that must include a review of all changes in the configuration and
29 proposed operation of the Interstate 90 center lane corridor and a
30 review of all potential alternative transportation technologies,
31 including new bus rapid transit technologies; and

32 (d) An independent, full, and comprehensive review of the public
33 safety of the Interstate 90 corridor from Interstate 5 to Interstate

1 405 resulting from the I-90/Two Way Transit and HOV Improvements
2 project including, but not limited to, the impact of narrower lanes
3 on smaller shoulders"

4 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
5 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Removes the requirement that WSDOT work with the city of Mercer Island to preserve access provided to Mercer Island residents for the Island Crest Way on-ramp, and instead does the following:

(1) Requires WSDOT to implement the 2007 Revised Access Plan for Mercer Island on I-90 and to work with the city to ensure such implementation complies with federal law; and

(2) Requires WSDOT to complete various reviews and the legislature to hold hearings prior to the leasing or transferring highway rights to a regional transit agency, including an updated appraisal of the fair market value of the center lane corridor, an analysis of the impact to bus and auto commuter from closing the center lane corridor for six or more years, and a review of the public safety of the new corridor. Additionally, a new environmental impact statement must be completed.

FISCAL IMPACT: No net change to appropriated levels.

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