
SENATE BILL 6556

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By Senators Hobbs and Palumbo

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1 AN ACT Relating to the pilot transit pass incentive program;
2 adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW; creating a new section;
3 and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the importance
6 of offering streamlined options for reducing private sector costs
7 related to commute trip reduction goals, and of the state partnering
8 with the private sector to share increased transit use costs.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 (1) The department shall administer the pilot transit pass
12 incentive program. Businesses located in a county adjacent to Puget
13 Sound with a population of more than seven hundred thousand are
14 eligible to apply to the program for a fifty percent rebate on the
15 cost of employee transit passes, such as the ORCA card. No single
16 business may receive more than twenty thousand dollars from the
17 program. Employers applying for the commute trip reduction tax credit
18 provided in chapter 82.70 RCW for transit passes purchased in 2018 or
19 2019 are not eligible for the pilot transit pass incentive program.

1 (2) Businesses may apply and be awarded funds prior to purchasing
2 transit passes but the department may not reimburse a business until
3 proof of purchase or contract has been provided to the department.

4 (3) The department shall report to the transportation committees
5 of the legislature on the impact of the program by September 1, 2019,
6 and may adopt rules to administer the program.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one million dollars, or as much
8 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal biennium
9 ending June 30, 2019, from the multimodal transportation account to
10 the department of transportation and is provided solely for the
11 purposes of administering the pilot transit pass incentive program
12 established in section 2 of this act.

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