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## Transportation Committee

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### HB 1321

**Brief Description:** Requiring reporting regarding the costs of certain transportation projects.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Wylie, Vick, Harris, Stonier and Rude.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide a report regarding a project's expected use of consultants to the transportation committees of the Legislature or the Joint Transportation Committee as soon as is practicable and prior to the letting of contracts, for any project with a value of more than \$500 million.

**Hearing Date:** 1/28/19

**Staff:** David Munnecke (786-7315).

#### Background:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) utilizes the services of consultants in a variety of aspects of transportation project delivery when those services are not available from public resources. The areas where the WSDOT contracts with consultants include the following:

- architectural services;
- engineering services;
- environmental review; and
- permitting.

There are currently 14 projects in the Governor's proposed budget for 2019-21 that have a value of more than \$500 million, and there were 13 projects with a value of more than \$500 million in the enacted 2017-19 biennial budget.

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The WSDOT is required to provide a report regarding a project's expected use of consultants to the transportation committees of the Legislature or the Joint Transportation Committee, for any project with a value of more than \$500 million. The report must be provided as soon as is practicable and prior to the letting of any contracts.

The report must describe:

- each of the activities that consultants will be used for;
- the state and federal law requirements, if any, necessitating the use of consultants;
- the expected outcomes of studies, analyses, and mitigation efforts related to the project; and
- the expected consultant costs for each activity listed in the report.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 23, 2019.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect on August 1, 2019.