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## Transportation Committee

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### HB 1957

**Brief Description:** Concerning the use of park and ride lots by private employer transportation service vehicles.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Chambers, Barkis, Irwin, Caldier, Gildon and Eslick.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allows private employer transportation service vehicles to use certain park and ride lots regardless of the capacity level of the lot.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/27/19

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

**Background:**

Various local transit agencies own and operate park and ride lots as part of the agencies' public transportation service, and these entities provide regularly scheduled service at the lots. Local transit agencies that receive state funding for a park and ride lot must enter into an agreement to make reasonable accommodation for use of that lot by auto transportation companies, such as airporters; private special needs transportation providers that intend to provide or already provide regularly scheduled service at that lot; charter carriers, except certain limousines as defined by Department of Licensing rule; and private employer transportation services providers.

For all such specified private transportation vehicles, it is established that accommodation need not be made if the park and ride is at or exceeds 90 percent capacity between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for two consecutive months. Local transit agencies are allowed to recover actual costs and fair market value for use of the lot. A private transportation provider is responsible for paying the transit agency in full for use of a park and ride lot, and the agreement may be terminated if the private transportation provider violates any policies regarding the use of the park and ride lots.

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Private employer transportation service is defined as regularly scheduled, fixed-route transportation service that displays the business name or logo on the driver and passenger sides of the vehicle, meets the annual certification requirements of the Washington State Department of Transportation, and is offered by an employer for the benefit of its employees.

**Summary of Bill:**

Private employer transportation service vehicles are allowed to use park and ride lots, regardless of the capacity level of the lot, when the lot is owned by a local transit agency that received state funding for the park and ride lot.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.