

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1655

67th Legislature
2022 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 8, 2022
Yeas 97 Nays 0

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 2, 2022
Yeas 48 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1655** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Griffey, Shewmake, Barkis, Eslick, Chase, Graham, Paul, Dent, Gilday, Jacobsen, Pollet, Riccelli, Frame, Young, and Taylor)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/22.

1 AN ACT Relating to having safety rest areas open to the public as
2 soon as possible; adding a new section to chapter 47.38 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Commercial motor vehicle parking shortages
6 are a national safety concern. Washington state has exacerbated the
7 problem in the fall of 2021 by the closure of many state-owned and
8 operated safety rest areas. All vehicle drivers need safe places to
9 stop when they are tired to prevent serious and fatal injuries.
10 Washington's target zero plan reports that drowsy driving was a
11 factor in 44 deaths and 236 serious injuries from 2015-2017. One of
12 the ways Washington's target zero plan addresses this issue is having
13 available rest areas. The closure of state-owned safety rest areas is
14 contrary to state policy to have zero deaths on the roadways.

15 In addition, commercial truck drivers are required to take
16 federally mandated rest breaks that leads to the need for there to be
17 parking available in many locations throughout the highway system.
18 Safety rest areas are important for supply line integrity and the use
19 by the traveling public. The legislature believes it is essential for
20 this public service to be restored and maintained in the future as
21 quickly as possible.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.38
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
4 specific purpose, the department is directed to reconfigure its
5 maintenance operations to assure that its owned and operated safety
6 rest areas are open for use except for seasonal closures or cleaning,
7 maintenance, and repairs.

8 (2) The department may initiate a strategic planning process that
9 addresses the maintenance, operation, and safety of its owned and
10 operated safety rest areas. At a minimum, this plan shall evaluate
11 operations, maintenance, safety, and commercial motor vehicle parking
12 at safety rest areas. The department must engage members from the
13 freight community and other stakeholders for recommendations and
14 solutions. The department must also coordinate with the office of
15 intergovernmental coordination on public right-of-way homeless
16 encampments established in Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill
17 No. 5662 (right-of-way camping/housing). The plan must identify
18 strategies that the department can employ to ensure commercial motor
19 vehicle parking is available at state-owned and operated safety rest
20 areas. The department shall prioritize the planning effort to
21 conclude by the end of the 2021-2023 biennium.

22 (3) The department must report to the transportation committees
23 of the legislature the changes that have been made to or are planned
24 to be made to operation of the safety rest areas by January 15, 2023,
25 including recommendations related to commercial vehicle parking.

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