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By Representatives Richards, Stuebe, Zahn, Dent, Timmons, Barkis, Paul, Nance, Reed, Ramel, Bernbaum, Wylie, Taylor, Parshley, Simmons, Shavers, Salahuddin, and Hill

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1 AN ACT Relating to convening a work group regarding the
2 streamlining of permitting for transportation projects; creating a
3 new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of transportation, in
6 consultation with the department of ecology, shall convene a work
7 group to develop recommendations to streamline the permitting of
8 transportation projects.

9 (2) The work group shall consist of the following members:

10 (a) One representative from the department of transportation to
11 be appointed by the secretary of the department;

12 (b) One representative from the department of ecology to be
13 appointed by the director of the department;

14 (c) One representative from the department of fish and wildlife
15 to be appointed by the director of the department;

16 (d) One representative from the association of Washington cities;

17 (e) One representative from the Washington state association of
18 counties;

19 (f) One representative from an organization representing general
20 contractors;

21 (g) One representative of the construction trades; and

1 (h) One representative of tribal governments, invited by the
2 secretary of the department of transportation.

3 (3) The work group shall develop recommendations to reduce
4 project costs and the time required from project conception to
5 project completion. These recommendations must ensure that all
6 appropriate environmental and regulatory protections are maintained.

7 (4) Staff support to the work group must be provided by the
8 department of transportation.

9 (5) The work group shall convene its first meeting by July 30,
10 2025, and shall submit a report to the legislature detailing its work
11 and any recommendations, including any recommendations for
12 legislation, by November 1, 2026.

13 (6) This section expires December 31, 2026.

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