ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5988

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session

By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators King, Hobbs, Fain, Liias, and Litzow)

READ FIRST TIME 02/24/15.

AN ACT Relating to additive transportation funding 1 and 2 appropriations; amending RCW 46.68.030, 46.68.280, 46.68.290, and 3 47.60.530; creating new sections; making appropriations; and 4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) An additive transportation budget of 7 the state is hereby adopted and, subject to the provisions set forth, the several amounts specified, or as much thereof as may be necessary 8 to accomplish the purposes designated, are hereby appropriated from 9 10 the several accounts and funds named to the designated state agencies 11 and offices for employee compensation and other expenses, for capital projects, and for other specified purposes, including the payment of 12 13 any final judgments arising out of such activities, for the period 14 ending June 30, 2017.

15 (2) It is the intent of the legislature that the funding levels 16 specified in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-2 as developed 17 February 10, 2015, represents a commitment to provide appropriations 18 to the agencies, programs, and activities at the amounts identified 19 therein through fiscal year 2031.

(3) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, thedefinitions in this subsection apply throughout this act.

1 (a) "Fiscal year 2016" or "FY 2016" means the fiscal year ending 2 June 30, 2016.

3 (b) "Fiscal year 2017" or "FY 2017" means the fiscal year ending
4 June 30, 2017.

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(c) "FTE" means full-time equivalent.

6 (d) "Lapse" or "revert" means the amount shall return to an 7 unappropriated status.

8 (e) "Provided solely" means the specified amount may be spent 9 only for the specified purpose. Unless otherwise specifically 10 authorized in this act, any portion of an amount provided solely for 11 a specified purpose that is not expended subject to the specified 12 conditions and limitations to fulfill the specified purpose shall 13 lapse.

(f) "Reappropriation" means appropriation and, unless the context clearly provides otherwise, is subject to the relevant conditions and limitations applicable to appropriations.

17 (g) "LEAP" means the legislative evaluation and accountability 18 program committee.

19 (h) "TEIS" means the transportation executive information system.

2015-2017 FISCAL BIENNIUM

TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES—OPERATING

24 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following 25 conditions and limitations: \$450,000 of the motor vehicle account-26 state appropriation is for the joint transportation committee for the 27 design-build contracting review panel established in chapter ... (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5997), Laws of 2015. The department of 28 29 transportation must provide technical assistance, as necessary. If 30 chapter ... (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5997), Laws of 2015 is not 31 enacted by June 30, 2015, the amount provided in this subsection 32 lapses.

33 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 202. FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL
 34 State Patrol Highway Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$15,000,000

35 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 203. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

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Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. \$22,000,000 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: \$22,000,000 of the motor vehicle account state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of chapter ... (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5987) (transportation revenue), Laws of 2015.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 204. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—
 8 ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIPS—PROGRAM K

9 Transportation Innovative Partnership

10 Account—State Appropriation. \$6,000,000

11 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following 12 conditions and limitations: \$6,000,000 of the transportation 13 innovative partnership account—state appropriation is provided solely 14 for the purpose of capitalizing the Washington electric vehicle 15 infrastructure bank.

16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 205. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION— 17 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE—PROGRAM M

18 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. \$6,250,000

19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 206. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—
20 TRAFFIC OPERATIONS—PROGRAM Q

21 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation \$3,125,000

22 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 207. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION— 23 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT—PROGRAM S

24 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. \$200,000

25 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: \$200,000 of the motor vehicle account-26 27 state appropriation is provided solely for the helmets to hardhats 28 program state coordinator position at the department to provide 29 veterans with skilled training and employment in the construction 30 industry as required in chapter ... (Substitute Senate Bill No. 5993), Laws of 2015. If chapter ... (Substitute Senate Bill No. 31 32 5993), Laws of 2015 is not enacted by June 30, 2015, the amount 33 provided in this subsection lapses.

5 Rural Mobility Grant Program Account—State

9 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following 10 conditions and limitations:

(1) \$4,687,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state appropriation is provided solely for the projects and activities as listed by fund, project, and amount in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as developed February 23, 2015, Program - Public Transportation Program (V).

(2) \$10,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account-state 16 17 appropriation is provided solely for grants to transit agencies to transport persons with special transportation needs. Grants for 18 19 transit agencies must be prorated based on the amount expended for 20 demand response service and route deviated service in calendar year 21 2013 as reported in the "Summary of Public Transportation - 2013" 22 published by the department of transportation. No transit agency may 23 receive more than thirty percent of these distributions.

(3) \$5,625,000 of the rural mobility grant program account—state
appropriation is provided solely for grants to aid small cities in
rural areas as prescribed in RCW 47.66.100.

(4) \$1,313,000 of the multimodal transportation account-state 27 appropriation is provided solely for a vanpool grant program for: (a) 28 29 Public transit agencies to add vanpools or replace vans; and (b) incentives for employers to increase employee vanpool use. The grant 30 program for public transit agencies must cover capital costs only. 31 Operating costs for public transit agencies are not eligible for 32 funding under this grant program. Additional employees may not be 33 34 hired from the funds provided in this section for the vanpool grant 35 program, and supplanting of transit funds currently funding vanpools 36 is not allowed. The department must encourage grant applicants and 37 recipients to leverage funds other than state funds.

1	NEW SECTION. Sec. 209. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-
2	MARINE—PROGRAM X
3	Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—State
4	Appropriation
5	TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES—CAPITAL
6	NEW SECTION. Sec. 301. FOR THE FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC
7	INVESTMENT BOARD
8	Freight Mobility Investment Account—State Appropriation \$3,906,000
9	Freight Mobility Multimodal Account—State Appropriation \$3,906,000
10	TOTAL APPROPRIATION
11	NEW SECTION. Sec. 302. FOR THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT BOARD
12	Transportation Improvement Account—State Appropriation \$3,375,000
13	NEW SECTION. Sec. 303. FOR THE COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD
14	Rural Arterial Trust Account—State Appropriation \$1,688,000
15	County Arterial Preservation Account—State Appropriation. \$1,687,000
16	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \vdots
17	NEW SECTION. Sec. 304. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-
18	FACILITIES—PROGRAM D—(DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-ONLY PROJECTS)
19	Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation \$22,000,000
20	The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
21	conditions and limitations:
22	(1) The entire connecting Washington account appropriation is
23	provided solely for the projects and activities as listed by fund,
24	project, and amount in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as
25	developed February 23, 2015, Program - Highway Management and
26	Facilities Program (D).
27	(2) The department must work with the office of financial
28	management's facilities oversight program to develop a revised
29	predesign for a new Olympic region facility, with an estimated total
30	cost of no more than forty million dollars. Priority must be given to
31	accommodating the maintenance and operations functions of the Olympic
32	region. The department must provide a copy of the revised predesign
33	to the transportation committees of the legislature by December 2015.

1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 305. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION— 2 IMPROVEMENTS—PROGRAM I

Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . \$187,501,000
Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation. . \$23,750,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$210,251,000

6 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following 7 conditions and limitations:

8 (1) Except as provided otherwise in this section, the entire 9 connecting Washington account appropriation is provided solely for 10 the projects and activities as listed by fund, project, and amount in 11 LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as developed February 23, 12 2015, Program - Highway Improvements Program (I).

(2) \$17,500,000 of the multimodal transportation account-state 13 14 appropriation is provided solely for the removal of fish culverts. 15 The funding in this subsection is intended to support the statewide fish barrier removal strategy. The department, in consultation with 16 17 the fish passage barrier removal board, shall prioritize removal of the fish passage barriers, which are required under the U.S. District 18 Court injunction C70-9213, that provide the most linear feet of 19 20 habitat restoration within a watershed.

(3) \$6,250,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
 appropriation is provided solely for storm water retrofits.

(4) \$3,000,000 of the connecting Washington account—state appropriation is provided solely for a corridor congestion study on state route number 16 (Tacoma Narrows bridge to state route number 302).

(5) \$4,000,000 of the connecting Washington account—state
 appropriation is provided solely for the department to restripe two
 southbound lanes of state route number 3.

30 \$3,000,000 of the connecting Washington account-state (6) appropriation is provided solely for the 31 completion of the 32 environmental statement for number 302 impact state route 33 improvements.

34 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 306. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—
 35 PRESERVATION—PROGRAM P

36 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$76,563,000

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1 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following 2 conditions and limitations: The entire connecting Washington account 3 appropriation in this section is provided solely for the projects and 4 activities as listed in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as 5 developed February 23, 2015, Program - Highway Preservation Program 6 (P).

NEW SECTION. Sec. 307. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION— 8 WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES CONSTRUCTION—PROGRAM W

9 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$86,000,000

10 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following 11 conditions and limitations: The entire connecting Washington account 12 appropriation in this section is provided solely for the projects and 13 activities as listed in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as 14 developed February 23, 2015, Program - Washington State Ferries 15 Capital Program (W).

16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 308. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION— 17 RAIL—PROGRAM Y

18 Multimodal Transportation Account—State

The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: The entire appropriation in this section is provided solely for the projects and activities as listed in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as developed February 23, 2015, Program - Rail Program (Y).

25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 309. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION— 26 LOCAL PROGRAMS—PROGRAM Z

Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation. . \$16,625,000
 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . \$90,744,000
 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$107,369,000

30 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following 31 conditions and limitations:

32 (1) Except as provided otherwise in this section, the entire 33 connecting Washington account appropriation is provided solely for 34 the projects and activities as listed by fund, project, and amount in 35 LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as developed February 23,

1 2015, Program - Local Programs (Z). Counties with a population of two 2 hundred thousand or more and cities with a population of seventy-five thousand or more that receive funding to complete a project or 3 projects on the LEAP Document referenced in this subsection must 4 complete a Baldrige assessment every two years and report the results 5 6 of the assessment to the department of transportation. The goal for 7 each city and county referenced in this subsection is to achieve a sixty percent score within seven years of the first assessment. The 8 first assessment must be initiated during the 2015-2017 fiscal 9 biennium. 10

(2) \$3,125,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state appropriation is provided solely for the pedestrian and bicycle safety program.

14 (3) \$3,500,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state 15 appropriation is provided solely for the safe routes to school 16 program.

17 (4) \$10,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
 18 appropriation is provided solely for the complete streets program.

19 (5) \$5,000,000 of the connecting Washington account—state 20 appropriation is provide solely for preliminary engineering and 21 right-of-way acquisition for the South Lander Street project for the 22 city of Seattle to create grade separation to enhance freight 23 mobility in the SoDo neighborhood.

(6) \$50,000 of the connecting Washington account—state appropriation is provided solely for the city of Vancouver to be used to improve safety and mobility for the blind at multiple street intersections in the vicinity of the Washington state school for the blind in Vancouver.

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TRANSFERS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Sec. 401. FOR THE STATE TREASURER-ADMINISTRATIVE 30 NEW SECTION. 31 TRANSFERS 32 (1) State Patrol Highway Account—State Appropriation: 33 For transfer to the Connecting Washington Account-State. . \$9,460,000 34 (2) Transportation Partnership Account—State 35 Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting Washington 36 37 (3) Motor Vehicle Account-State Appropriation:

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1	For transfer to the Connecting Washington Account—
2	State
3	(4) Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—State
4	Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting Washington
5	Account—State
6	(5) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
7	Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting
8	Washington Account—State
9	(6) Transportation 2003 Transportation (Nickel)
10	Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to the
11	Connecting Washington Account—State \$59,861,000
12	(7) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
13	Appropriation: For transfer to the Puget Sound
14	Ferry Operations Account—State
15	(8) Highway Safety Account—State Appropriation:
16	For transfer to the Multimodal Transportation
17	Account—State
18	(9) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
19	For transfer to the State Patrol Highway Account—State \$7,500,000
20	(10) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
21	For transfer to the Freight Mobility Investment
22	Account—State
23	(11) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
24	For transfer to the Transportation Improvement
25	Account—State
26	(12) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
27	For transfer to the Rural Arterial Trust Account—State \$1,688,000
28	(13) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
29	For transfer to the County Arterial Preservation
30	Account—State
31	(14) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
32	Appropriation: For transfer to the Freight Mobility
33	Multimodal Account—State
34	(15) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
35	Appropriation: For transfer to the Regional Mobility
36	Grant Program Account—State
37	(16) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
38	Appropriation: For transfer to the Rural Mobility

1	Grant Program Account—State
2	(17) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
3	Appropriation: For transfer to the Transportation
4	Innovative Partnership Account—State \$6,000,000
5	(18) Environmental Legacy Stewardship Account—State
6	Appropriation: For transfer to the Multimodal
7	Transportation Account—State

8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 402. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—STATE REVENUES 9 FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CITIES AND COUNTIES

10 Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation:

11 For distribution to cities and counties. \$23,438,000

12 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations: The amount provided must be allocated 13 between cities and counties using proportionate shares 14 that are consistent with the total amount of fuel tax revenue distributed 15 16 under RCW 46.68.090 to cities and counties. Funds credited to cities must be allocated under RCW 46.68.110(4). Funds credited to counties 17 18 must be allocated under RCW 46.68.120(4). Expenditures from these 19 funds may be used only for transportation purposes.

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MISCELLANEOUS

21 Sec. 501. RCW 46.68.030 and 2011 c 171 s 85 are each amended to 22 read as follows:

(1) The director shall forward all fees for vehicle registrations under chapters 46.16A and 46.17 RCW, unless otherwise specified by law, to the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit these moneys to the motor vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

(2) Proceeds from vehicle license fees and renewal vehiclelicense fees must be deposited by the state treasurer as follows:

(a) \$20.35 of each initial or renewal vehicle license fee must be 30 31 deposited in the state patrol highway account in the motor vehicle fund, hereby created. Vehicle license fees, renewal vehicle license 32 fees, and all other funds in the state patrol highway account must be 33 34 for the sole use of the Washington state patrol for highway 35 activities of the Washington state patrol, subject to proper 36 appropriations and reappropriations.

(b) \$2.02 of each initial vehicle license fee and \$0.93 of each
 renewal vehicle license fee must be deposited each biennium in the
 Puget Sound ferry operations account.

4 (c) Any remaining amounts of vehicle license fees and renewal 5 vehicle license fees that are not distributed otherwise under this 6 section must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

7 (3) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may 8 transfer from the state patrol highway account to the connecting 9 Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of 10 the state patrol highway account.

11 **Sec. 502.** RCW 46.68.280 and 2003 c 361 s 601 are each amended to 12 read as follows:

13 (1) The transportation 2003 account (nickel account) is hereby created in the motor vehicle fund. Money in the account may be spent 14 15 only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account must be used 16 only for projects or improvements identified as transportation 2003 17 projects or improvements in the omnibus transportation budget and to pay the principal and interest the bonds authorized for 18 on transportation 2003 projects or improvements. Upon completion of the 19 20 projects or improvements identified as transportation 2003 projects or improvements, moneys deposited in this account must only be used 21 to pay the principal and interest on the bonds authorized for 22 23 transportation 2003 projects or improvements, and any funds in the 24 account in excess of the amount necessary to make the principal and 25 interest payments may be used for maintenance on the completed 26 projects or improvements.

27 (2) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may 28 transfer from the transportation 2003 account (nickel account) to the 29 connecting Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund 30 balance of the transportation 2003 account (nickel account).

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(3) The "nickel account" means the transportation 2003 account.

32 **Sec. 503.** RCW 46.68.290 and 2006 c 337 s 5 are each amended to 33 read as follows:

(1) The transportation partnership account is hereby created in the state treasury. All distributions to the account from RCW 46.68.090 must be deposited into the account. Money in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account must be used only for projects or improvements identified as 2005 1 transportation partnership projects or improvements in the omnibus 2 transportation appropriations act, including any principal and 3 interest on bonds authorized for the projects or improvements.

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(2) The legislature finds that:

5 (a) Citizens demand and deserve accountability of transportation-6 related programs and expenditures. Transportation-related programs 7 must continuously improve in quality, efficiency, and effectiveness 8 in order to increase public trust;

9 (b) Transportation-related agencies that receive tax dollars must 10 continuously improve the way they operate and deliver services so 11 citizens receive maximum value for their tax dollars; and

12 (c) Fair, independent, comprehensive performance audits of 13 transportation-related agencies overseen by the elected state auditor 14 are essential to improving the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness 15 of the state's transportation system.

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(3) For purposes of chapter 314, Laws of 2005:

17 (a) "Performance audit" means an objective and systematic 18 assessment of a state agency or agencies or any of their programs, 19 functions, or activities by the state auditor or designee in order to 20 help improve agency efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability. 21 Performance audits include economy and efficiency audits and program 22 audits.

23 (b) "Transportation-related agency" means any state agency, 24 board, or commission that receives funding primarily for 25 transportation-related purposes. At a minimum, the department of 26 transportation, the transportation improvement board or its successor entity, the county road administration board or its successor entity, 27 and the traffic safety commission are considered transportation-28 29 related agencies. The Washington state patrol and the department of licensing shall not be considered transportation-related agencies 30 under chapter 314, Laws of 2005. 31

32 (4) Within the authorities and duties under chapter 43.09 RCW, the state auditor shall establish criteria and protocols for 33 performance audits. Transportation-related agencies shall be audited 34 using criteria that include generally accepted government auditing 35 36 standards as well as legislative mandates and performance objectives established by state agencies. Mandates include, but are not limited 37 to, agency strategies, timelines, program objectives, and mission and 38 39 goals as required in RCW 43.88.090.

1 (5) Within the authorities and duties under chapter 43.09 RCW, 2 the state auditor may conduct performance audits for transportation-3 related agencies. The state auditor shall contract with private firms 4 to conduct the performance audits.

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(6) The audits may include:

6 (a) Identification of programs and services that can be 7 eliminated, reduced, consolidated, or enhanced;

8 (b) Identification of funding sources to the transportation-9 related agency, to programs, and to services that can be eliminated, 10 reduced, consolidated, or enhanced;

(c) Analysis of gaps and overlaps in programs and services and recommendations for improving, dropping, blending, or separating functions to correct gaps or overlaps;

14 (d) Analysis and recommendations for pooling information 15 technology systems used within the transportation-related agency, and 16 evaluation of information processing and telecommunications policy, 17 organization, and management;

18 (e) Analysis of the roles and functions of the transportation-19 related agency, its programs, and its services and their compliance 20 with statutory authority and recommendations for eliminating or 21 changing those roles and functions and ensuring compliance with 22 statutory authority;

(f) Recommendations for eliminating or changing statutes, rules, and policy directives as may be necessary to ensure that the transportation-related agency carry out reasonably and properly those functions vested in the agency by statute;

27 (g) Verification of the reliability and validity of 28 transportation-related agency performance data, self-assessments, and 29 performance measurement systems as required under RCW 43.88.090;

30 (h) Identification of potential cost savings in the
 31 transportation-related agency, its programs, and its services;

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(i) Identification and recognition of best practices;

33 (j) Evaluation of planning, budgeting, and program evaluation 34 policies and practices;

35 (k) Evaluation of personnel systems operation and management;

36 (1) Evaluation of purchasing operations and management policies 37 and practices;

38 (m) Evaluation of organizational structure and staffing levels, 39 particularly in terms of the ratio of managers and supervisors to 40 nonmanagement personnel; and (n) Evaluation of transportation-related project costs, including
 but not limited to environmental mitigation, competitive bidding
 practices, permitting processes, and capital project management.

(7) Within the authorities and duties under chapter 43.09 RCW, 4 the state auditor must provide the preliminary performance audit 5 6 reports to the audited state agency for comment. The auditor also may 7 input on the preliminary report from other seek appropriate officials. Comments must be received within thirty days after receipt 8 of the preliminary performance audit report unless a different time 9 period is approved by the state auditor. The final performance audit 10 report shall include the objectives, scope, and methodology; the 11 12 audit results, including findings and recommendations; the agency's response and conclusions; and identification of best practices. 13

14 (8) The state auditor shall provide final performance audit 15 reports to the citizens of Washington, the governor, the joint 16 legislative audit and review committee, the appropriate legislative 17 committees, and other appropriate officials. Final performance audit 18 reports shall be posted on the internet.

19 (9) The audited transportation-related agency is responsible for follow-up and corrective action on all performance audit findings and 20 21 recommendations. The audited agency's plan for addressing each audit finding and recommendation shall be included in the final audit 22 report. The plan shall provide the name of the contact person 23 responsible for each action, the action planned, and the anticipated 24 25 completion date. If the audited agency does not agree with the audit 26 findings and recommendations or believes action is not required, then the action plan shall include an explanation and specific reasons. 27

The office of financial management shall require periodic 28 29 progress reports from the audited agency until all resolution has occurred. The office of financial management is responsible for 30 31 achieving audit resolution. The office of financial management shall 32 annually report by December 31st the status of performance audit resolution to the appropriate legislative committees and the state 33 auditor. The legislature shall consider the performance audit results 34 35 in connection with the state budget process.

The auditor may request status reports on specific audits or findings.

38 (10) For the period from July 1, 2005, until June 30, 2007, the 39 amount of \$4,000,000 is appropriated from the transportation

partnership account to the state auditors office for the purposes of
 subsections (2) through (9) of this section.

3 (11) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may 4 transfer from the transportation partnership account to the 5 connecting Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund 6 balance of the transportation partnership account.

7 Sec. 504. RCW 47.60.530 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 16 s 1 are each 8 amended to read as follows:

9 (1) The Puget Sound ferry operations account is created in the 10 motor vehicle fund.

11 (2) The following funds must be deposited into the account:

12 (a) All moneys directed by law;

13 (b) All revenues generated from ferry fares; and

14 (c) All revenues generated from commercial advertising,15 concessions, parking, and leases as allowed under RCW 47.60.140.

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(3) Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.

17 (4) Expenditures from the account may be used only for the 18 maintenance, administration, and operation of the Washington state 19 ferry system.

20 (5) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may 21 transfer from the Puget Sound ferry operations account to the 22 connecting Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund 23 balance of the Puget Sound ferry operations account.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 505. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

28 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 506. This act is necessary for the immediate 29 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of 30 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes 31 effect immediately.

(End of Bill)

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