

ESSB 5988 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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

12 (2) It is the intent of the legislature that the funding levels
13 specified in LEAP Transportation Documents 2015 NLH-1, NLH-2, and
14 NLH-3 as developed April 12, 2015, represents a commitment to provide
15 appropriations to the agencies, programs, and activities at the
16 amounts identified therein through fiscal year 2031.

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

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

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

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

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

26 (e) "Provided solely" means the specified amount may be spent
27 only for the specified purpose. Unless otherwise specifically
28 authorized in this act, any portion of an amount provided solely for
29 a specified purpose that is not expended subject to the specified
30 conditions and limitations to fulfill the specified purpose shall
31 lapse.

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

1 (g) "LEAP" means the legislative evaluation and accountability
2 program committee.

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

4 **2015-2017 FISCAL BIENNIUM**
5 **GENERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—OPERATING**

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101. FOR THE STATE PARKS AND RECREATION**
7 **COMMISSION**

8 Snowmobile Account—State Appropriation \$398,000

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102. FOR THE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION**
10 **FUNDING BOARD**

11 Recreation Resource Account—State Appropriation \$3,528,000

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 103. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

13 ORV and Nonhighway Vehicle Account—State

14 Appropriation. \$1,399,000

15 Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program

16 Account—State Appropriation. \$1,972,000

17 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$3,371,000

18 **TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES—OPERATING**

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 201. FOR THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

20 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. \$450,000

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

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 202. FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

31 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation \$50,000

1 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
2 conditions and limitations: \$50,000 of the motor vehicle account—
3 state appropriation is provided for a disadvantaged business entity
4 advisory committee that is formed and administered by the
5 transportation commission. The intent of the advisory committee is to
6 provide accountability and transparency regarding disadvantaged
7 business entity spending levels and participation on state funded
8 transportation projects. The advisory committee shall create a
9 mission, vision, goals, and a work plan to complete goals and issue a
10 report with recommendations to the house and senate transportation
11 committees by December 31, 2016. The state department of
12 transportation, office of minority and women's business enterprises,
13 department of labor, and other relevant state agencies shall be
14 available to assist in supplying necessary data and information to
15 fulfill the advisory committee's purpose. The fifteen-member advisory
16 committee shall meet at least four times in the 2015-2017 biennium.
17 The members shall jointly be appointed by the speaker of the house
18 and the president of the senate and shall receive input on nominees
19 from the commission on Hispanic affairs, commission on African
20 affairs, commission on Asian Pacific affairs, and office of Indian
21 affairs with at least one member from each commission or office being
22 appointed. One member from each caucus in the house of
23 representatives and senate shall also be appointed to the advisory
24 committee. Up to fifty thousand dollars shall be provided to the
25 transportation commission for the purpose of assisting the advisory
26 committee and reimbursement costs for member participation.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 203. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING**

28 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. \$4,000,000

29 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
30 conditions and limitations: \$4,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—
31 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of
32 chapter ... (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5987)
33 (transportation revenue), Laws of 2015.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 204. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
35 **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE—PROGRAM M**

36 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. \$6,250,000

1 43 and Route 44 Ballard to University District for speed and
2 reliability improvements along the corridor.

3 (2) \$3,740,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
4 appropriation is provided solely for grants to nonprofit providers of
5 special needs transportation. Grants for nonprofit providers must be
6 based on need, including the availability of other providers of
7 service in the area, efforts to coordinate trips among providers and
8 riders, and the cost-effectiveness of trips provided.

9 (3) \$13,260,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
10 appropriation is provided solely for grants to transit agencies to
11 transport persons with special transportation needs. Grants for
12 transit agencies must be prorated based on the amount expended for
13 demand response service and route deviated service in calendar year
14 2013 as reported in the "Summary of Public Transportation - 2013"
15 published by the department of transportation. No transit agency may
16 receive more than thirty percent of these distributions.

17 (4) \$9,000,000 of the rural mobility grant program account—state
18 appropriation is provided solely for grants to aid small cities in
19 rural areas as prescribed in RCW 47.66.100.

20 (5) \$2,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
21 appropriation is provided solely for a vanpool grant program for: (a)
22 Public transit agencies to add vanpools or replace vans; and (b)
23 incentives for employers to increase employee vanpool use. The grant
24 program for public transit agencies must cover capital costs only.
25 Operating costs for public transit agencies are not eligible for
26 funding under this grant program. Additional employees may not be
27 hired from the funds provided in this section for the vanpool grant
28 program, and supplanting of transit funds currently funding vanpools
29 is not allowed. The department must encourage grant applicants and
30 recipients to leverage funds other than state funds.

31 (6)(a) \$1,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state
32 appropriation is provided solely for grants to transit agencies
33 located in counties with a population of seven hundred thousand or
34 more that border Puget Sound to fund projects that further
35 integration and coordination between two or more such agencies.

36 (b) The projects selected must involve one or more of the
37 following criteria:

38 (i) Aligning fare structures;

39 (ii) Integrating service planning;

- 1 (iii) Coordinating long-range planning, including capital
- 2 projects planning and implementation;
- 3 (iv) Integrating administrative functions and internal business
- 4 practices; or
- 5 (v) Integrating customer-focused tools and initiatives.
- 6 (c) The transit agencies selected by the department to receive a
- 7 grant must match the grant amount on at least a dollar for dollar
- 8 basis.

9 **TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES—CAPITAL**

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 301. FOR THE FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC**
 11 **INVESTMENT BOARD**

12 Freight Mobility Investment Account—State Appropriation. . \$8,300,000

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 302. FOR THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

14 Transportation Improvement Account—State Appropriation. . \$3,600,000
 15 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$10,000,000
 16 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$13,600,000

17 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
 18 conditions and limitations: \$10,000,000 of the connecting Washington
 19 account—state appropriation is provided solely for the complete
 20 streets program.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 303. FOR THE COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

22 Rural Arterial Trust Account—State Appropriation. \$1,800,000
 23 County Arterial Preservation Account—State Appropriation. \$1,800,000
 24 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$3,600,000

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 304. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
 26 **IMPROVEMENTS—PROGRAM I**

27 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$145,325,000

28 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
 29 conditions and limitations:

- 30 (1) Except as provided otherwise in this section, the entire
- 31 connecting Washington account appropriation is for the projects and
- 32 activities as listed by fund, project, and amount in LEAP
- 33 Transportation Document 2015 NLH-1 as developed April 12, 2015,

1 Program - Highway Improvements Program (I); for the Interstate 5
2 Marine View Drive to State Route 528 project; for the Interstate
3 5/116th Street Interchange project; for the Interstate 90/Front
4 Street Interchange justification report; for the State Route
5 520/148th Ave NE Overlake Access Ramp project in the 2017-2019
6 biennium; for design work on the State Route 522/Paradise Lake Road
7 Interchange project; and for design work for the US Highway 2 Trestle
8 project.

9 (2) The connecting Washington account—state appropriation
10 includes up to \$15,515,000 in proceeds from the sale of bonds
11 authorized by chapter . . . (House Bill No. 1298), Laws of 2015.

12 (3) In making budget allocations to the Puget Sound Gateway
13 project (M00600R), the department shall implement the project's
14 construction as a single corridor investment. The department shall
15 develop a coordinated corridor construction and implementation plan
16 for state route number 167 and state route number 509 in
17 collaboration with affected stakeholders. Specific funding
18 allocations must be based on where and when specific project segments
19 are ready for construction to move forward and investments can be
20 best optimized for timely project completion. Emphasis must be placed
21 on avoiding gaps in fund expenditures for either project.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 305. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
23 **PRESERVATION—PROGRAM P**

24 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$87,333,000

25 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
26 conditions and limitations: The entire connecting Washington account
27 appropriation in this section is for the projects and activities as
28 listed in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NLH-1 as developed April
29 12, 2015, Program - Highway Preservation Program (P).

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 306. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
31 **WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES CONSTRUCTION—PROGRAM W**

32 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$32,177,000

33 Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation. . . \$9,028,000

34 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. \$41,205,000

35 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
36 conditions and limitations:

1 (1) The entire connecting Washington account appropriation in
2 this section is for the projects and activities as listed in LEAP
3 Transportation Document 2015 NLH-1 as developed April 12, 2015,
4 Program - Washington State Ferries Capital Program (W).

5 (2) Within existing resources, the department must evaluate the
6 feasibility of utilizing the federal EB-5 immigrant investor program
7 for financing the construction of a safety of life at sea (SOLAS)
8 certificated vessel for the Anacortes-Sidney ferry route. The
9 department must establish a group that includes, but is not limited
10 to, the department of commerce and entities or individuals
11 experienced with vessel engineering and EB-5 financing for assistance
12 in evaluating the applicability of the EB-5 immigrant investor
13 program. The department must deliver a report containing the results
14 of the evaluation to the transportation committees of the legislature
15 and the office of financial management by December 1, 2015.

16 (3) \$96,502,000 in state funds is to be provided over the life of
17 the project for completion of the Seattle terminal replacement
18 project, including: (a) Design work and selection of a preferred
19 plan; (b) replacing timber pilings with pilings sufficient to support
20 a selected terminal design; (c) replacing the timber portion of the
21 dock with a new and reconfigured steel and concrete dock; and (d)
22 other staging and construction work as the amount allows.

23 (4) \$99,000,000 in state funds is to be provided over the life of
24 the project for the acquisition of a 144-car vessel.

25 (5) \$68,600,000 in state funds is to be provided over the life of
26 the project for the completion of the Mukilteo terminal replacement
27 project.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 307. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**
29 **RAIL—PROGRAM Y**

30 Multimodal Transportation Account—State

31 Appropriation. \$4,000,000

32 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
33 conditions and limitations: The entire appropriation in this section
34 is for the projects and activities as listed in LEAP Transportation
35 Document 2015 NLH-1 as developed April 12, 2015, Program - Rail
36 Program (Y).

TRANSFERS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

NEW SECTION. Sec. 401. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—BOND RETIREMENT AND INTEREST, AND ONGOING BOND REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER CHARGES: FOR BOND SALES DISCOUNTS AND DEBT TO BE PAID BY MOTOR VEHICLE ACCOUNT AND TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE

Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. \$78,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 402. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—BOND RETIREMENT AND INTEREST, AND ONGOING BOND REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER CHARGES: FOR BOND SALE EXPENSES AND FISCAL AGENT CHARGES

Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. \$16,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 403. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—STATE REVENUES FOR DISTRIBUTION

Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation: For motor vehicle fuel tax distributions to cities and counties. \$53,156,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 404. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—TRANSFERS

Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation: For motor vehicle fuel tax refunds and transfers. \$27,150,000

NEW SECTION. Sec. 405. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFERS

(1) State Patrol Highway Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting Washington Account—State. . . \$9,700,000

(2) Transportation Partnership Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting Washington Account—State. \$5,000,000

(3) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting Washington Account—State. \$5,831,000

(4) Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting Washington Account—State. \$600,000

(5) Transportation 2003 Transportation (Nickel) Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting Washington Account—State. \$2,270,000

1 (6) Highway Safety Account—State Appropriation:
 2 For transfer to the Multimodal Transportation
 3 Account—State. \$1,900,000
 4 (7) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
 5 For transfer to the Transportation Improvement
 6 Account—State. \$3,600,000
 7 (8) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
 8 For transfer to the Rural Arterial Trust Account—State. . . \$1,800,000
 9 (9) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:
 10 For transfer to the County Arterial Preservation
 11 Account—State. \$1,800,000
 12 (10) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
 13 Appropriation: For transfer to the Regional Mobility
 14 Grant Program Account—State. \$15,000,000
 15 (11) Multimodal Transportation Account—State
 16 Appropriation: For transfer to the Rural Mobility
 17 Grant Program Account—State. \$9,000,000

18 **MISCELLANEOUS**

19 **Sec. 501.** RCW 46.68.030 and 2011 c 171 s 85 are each amended to
 20 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (1) The transportation partnership account is hereby created in
32 the state treasury. All distributions to the account from RCW
33 46.68.090 must be deposited into the account. Money in the account
34 may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account
35 must be used only for projects or improvements identified as 2005
36 transportation partnership projects or improvements in the omnibus
37 transportation appropriations act, including any principal and
38 interest on bonds authorized for the projects or improvements.

1 (2) The legislature finds that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 (6) The audits may include:
- 2 (a) Identification of programs and services that can be
3 eliminated, reduced, consolidated, or enhanced;
- 4 (b) Identification of funding sources to the transportation-
5 related agency, to programs, and to services that can be eliminated,
6 reduced, consolidated, or enhanced;
- 7 (c) Analysis of gaps and overlaps in programs and services and
8 recommendations for improving, dropping, blending, or separating
9 functions to correct gaps or overlaps;
- 10 (d) Analysis and recommendations for pooling information
11 technology systems used within the transportation-related agency, and
12 evaluation of information processing and telecommunications policy,
13 organization, and management;
- 14 (e) Analysis of the roles and functions of the transportation-
15 related agency, its programs, and its services and their compliance
16 with statutory authority and recommendations for eliminating or
17 changing those roles and functions and ensuring compliance with
18 statutory authority;
- 19 (f) Recommendations for eliminating or changing statutes, rules,
20 and policy directives as may be necessary to ensure that the
21 transportation-related agency carry out reasonably and properly those
22 functions vested in the agency by statute;
- 23 (g) Verification of the reliability and validity of
24 transportation-related agency performance data, self-assessments, and
25 performance measurement systems as required under RCW 43.88.090;
- 26 (h) Identification of potential cost savings in the
27 transportation-related agency, its programs, and its services;
- 28 (i) Identification and recognition of best practices;
- 29 (j) Evaluation of planning, budgeting, and program evaluation
30 policies and practices;
- 31 (k) Evaluation of personnel systems operation and management;
- 32 (l) Evaluation of purchasing operations and management policies
33 and practices;
- 34 (m) Evaluation of organizational structure and staffing levels,
35 particularly in terms of the ratio of managers and supervisors to
36 nonmanagement personnel; and
- 37 (n) Evaluation of transportation-related project costs, including
38 but not limited to environmental mitigation, competitive bidding
39 practices, permitting processes, and capital project management.

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

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

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

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

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

35 (10) For the period from July 1, 2005, until June 30, 2007, the
36 amount of \$4,000,000 is appropriated from the transportation
37 partnership account to the state auditors office for the purposes of
38 subsections (2) through (9) of this section.

39 (11) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may
40 transfer from the transportation partnership account to the

1 connecting Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund
2 balance of the transportation partnership account.

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

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

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

8 (a) All moneys directed by law;

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

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

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

13 (4) Expenditures from the account may be used only for the
14 maintenance, administration, and operation of the Washington state
15 ferry system.

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

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

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 506.** This act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
26 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
27 effect immediately."

28 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Strikes the underlying bill and replaces it with an appropriations act for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium that: (1) Makes a total of \$459.75 million in additive appropriations to state transportation agencies and programs, cities, and counties; (2) transfers amounts between accounts; and (3) amends account usages to permit the transfers.

(End of Bill)

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