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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5988**

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**State of Washington                      64th Legislature                      2015 Regular Session**

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

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1            AN ACT Relating to additive transportation funding 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,  
8 the several amounts specified, or as much thereof as may be necessary  
9 to accomplish the purposes designated, are hereby appropriated from  
10 the several accounts and funds named to the designated state agencies  
11 and offices for employee compensation and other expenses, for capital  
12 projects, and for other specified purposes, including the payment of  
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.

20            (3) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the  
21 definitions 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.
- 5 (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.
- 14 (f) "Reappropriation" means appropriation and, unless the context  
 15 clearly provides otherwise, is subject to the relevant conditions and  
 16 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.

20 **2015-2017 FISCAL BIENNIUM**  
 21 **TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES—OPERATING**

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 201. FOR THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
 23 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. . . . . \$450,000

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 ...  
 28 (Senate Bill No. 5997), Laws of 2015. The department of  
 29 transportation must provide technical assistance, as necessary. If  
 30 chapter ... (Senate Bill No. 5997), Laws of 2015 is not enacted by  
 31 June 30, 2015, the amount provided in this subsection lapses.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 202. FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL**  
 33 State Patrol Highway Account—State Appropriation. . . . . \$15,000,000

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 203. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING**  
 35 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation. . . . . \$22,000,000

1 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
2 conditions and limitations: \$22,000,000 of the motor vehicle account—  
3 state appropriation is provided solely for implementation of  
4 chapter . . . (Senate Bill No.. . . (S-1301/15)) (transportation  
5 revenue), Laws of 2015.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 204. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**  
7 **ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIPS—PROGRAM K**

8 Transportation Innovative Partnership  
9 Account—State Appropriation. . . . . \$6,000,000

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

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 205. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**  
16 **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE—PROGRAM M**

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

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 206. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**  
19 **TRAFFIC OPERATIONS—PROGRAM Q**

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

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 207. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**  
22 **TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT—PROGRAM S**

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

24 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
25 conditions and limitations: \$200,000 of the motor vehicle account—  
26 state appropriation is provided solely for the helmets to hardhats  
27 program state coordinator position at the department to provide  
28 veterans with skilled training and employment in the construction  
29 industry as required in (Senate Bill No.... (S-1378/15)), Laws of  
30 2015. If chapter . . . (Senate Bill No.... (S-1378/15)), Laws of 2015  
31 is not enacted by June 30, 2015, the amount provided in this  
32 subsection lapses.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 208. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**

2 **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION—PROGRAM V**

3 Regional Mobility Grant Program Account—State

4 Appropriation. . . . . \$8,750,000

5 Rural Mobility Grant Program Account—State

6 Appropriation. . . . . \$5,625,000

7 Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation. . . \$16,000,000

8 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$30,375,000

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

11 (1) \$4,687,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state  
12 appropriation is provided solely for the projects and activities as  
13 listed by fund, project, and amount in LEAP Transportation Document  
14 2015 NL-1 as developed February 10, 2015, Program - Public  
15 Transportation Program (V).

16 (2) \$10,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state  
17 appropriation is provided solely for grants to transit agencies to  
18 transport persons with special transportation needs. Grants for  
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.

24 (3) \$5,625,000 of the rural mobility grant program account—state  
25 appropriation is provided solely for grants to aid small cities in  
26 rural areas as prescribed in RCW 47.66.100.

27 (4) \$1,313,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state  
28 appropriation is provided solely for a vanpool grant program for: (a)  
29 Public transit agencies to add vanpools or replace vans; and (b)  
30 incentives for employers to increase employee vanpool use. The grant  
31 program for public transit agencies must cover capital costs only.  
32 Operating costs for public transit agencies are not eligible for  
33 funding under this grant program. Additional employees may not be  
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. 305.   FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**

2   **IMPROVEMENTS—PROGRAM I**

3	Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . .	\$224,524,000
4	Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation. . .	\$23,750,000
5	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$248,274,000

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 10,  
12 2015, Program - Highway Improvements Program (I).

13           (2) \$17,500,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state  
14 appropriation is provided solely for the removal of fish culverts.

15           (3) \$6,250,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state  
16 appropriation is provided solely for storm water retrofits.

17           (4) The I-5 Ship Canal Noise Wall project is added to the LEAP  
18 Document identified in subsection (1) of this section and shall  
19 include a total of \$3,500,000 from the connecting Washington account.

20           (5) The US 101 Lynch Road Intersection Safety Improvement project  
21 is added to the LEAP Document identified in subsection (1) of this  
22 section and shall include a total of \$5,000,000 from the connecting  
23 Washington account.

24           (6) The total for the I-5/Marvin Road/SR 510 Interchange is  
25 increased to \$72,000,000 in the LEAP Document identified in  
26 subsection (1) of this section.

27           (7) The total for the SR 529/I-5 Interchange is reduced to  
28 \$50,000,000 in the LEAP Document identified in subsection (1) of this  
29 section.

30           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 306.   FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**

31   **PRESERVATION—PROGRAM P**

32	Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . .	\$76,563,000
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33           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 307.   FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**

34   **WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES CONSTRUCTION—PROGRAM W**

35	Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . .	\$86,000,000
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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 10, 2015, Program - Washington State Ferries  
6 Capital Program (W).

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 308. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**  
8 **RAIL—PROGRAM Y**

9 Multimodal Transportation Account—State  
10 Appropriation. . . . . \$11,310,000

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

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 309. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**  
17 **LOCAL PROGRAMS—PROGRAM Z**

18 Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation. . \$16,625,000  
19 Connecting Washington Account—State Appropriation. . . . \$13,231,000  
20 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$29,856,000

21 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
22 conditions and limitations:

23 (1) The entire connecting Washington account appropriation is  
24 provided solely for the projects and activities as listed by fund,  
25 project, and amount in LEAP Transportation Document 2015 NL-1 as  
26 developed February 10, 2015, Program - Local Programs (Z). Counties  
27 with a population of two hundred thousand or more and cities with a  
28 population of seventy-five thousand or more that receive funding to  
29 complete a project or projects on the LEAP Document referenced in  
30 this subsection must complete a Baldrige assessment every two years  
31 and report the results of the assessment to the department of  
32 transportation. The goal for each city and county referenced in this  
33 subsection is to achieve a sixty percent score within seven years of  
34 the first assessment. The first assessment shall be initiated during  
35 the 2015-2017 biennium.

1 (2) \$3,125,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state  
2 appropriation is provided solely for the pedestrian and bicycle  
3 safety program.

4 (3) \$3,500,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state  
5 appropriation is provided solely for the safe routes to school  
6 program.

7 (4) \$10,000,000 of the multimodal transportation account—state  
8 appropriation is provided solely for the complete streets program.

9 **TRANSFERS AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 401. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—ADMINISTRATIVE**  
11 **TRANSFERS**

12 (1) State Patrol Highway Account—State Appropriation:  
13 For transfer to the Connecting Washington Account—State. . . \$9,460,000

14 (2) Transportation Partnership Account—State  
15 Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting Washington  
16 Account—State. . . . . \$4,880,000

17 (3) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:  
18 For transfer to the Connecting Washington Account—  
19 State. . . . . \$25,160,000

20 (4) Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account—State  
21 Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting Washington  
22 Account—State. . . . . \$580,000

23 (5) Multimodal Transportation Account—State  
24 Appropriation: For transfer to the Connecting  
25 Washington Account—State. . . . . \$55,000,000

26 (6) Transportation 2003 Transportation (Nickel)  
27 Account—State Appropriation: For transfer to the  
28 Connecting Washington Account—State. . . . . \$59,861,000

29 (7) Multimodal Transportation Account—State  
30 Appropriation: For transfer to the Puget Sound  
31 Ferry Operations Account—State. . . . . \$15,625,000

32 (8) Highway Safety Account—State Appropriation:  
33 For transfer to the Multimodal Transportation  
34 Account—State. . . . . \$91,963,000

35 (9) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:  
36 For transfer to the State Patrol Highway Account—State. . . \$7,500,000



1 (10) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:  
 2 For transfer to the Freight Mobility Investment  
 3 Account—State. . . . . \$3,906,000  
 4 (11) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:  
 5 For transfer to the Transportation Improvement  
 6 Account—State. . . . . \$3,375,000  
 7 (12) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:  
 8 For transfer to the Rural Arterial Trust Account—State. . . \$1,688,000  
 9 (13) Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation:  
 10 For transfer to the County Arterial Preservation  
 11 Account—State. . . . . \$1,688,000  
 12 (14) Multimodal Transportation Account—State  
 13 Appropriation: For transfer to the Freight Mobility  
 14 Multimodal Account—State. . . . . \$3,906,000  
 15 (15) Multimodal Transportation Account—State  
 16 Appropriation: For transfer to the Regional Mobility  
 17 Grant Program Account—State. . . . . \$8,750,000  
 18 (16) Multimodal Transportation Account—State  
 19 Appropriation: For transfer to the Rural Mobility  
 20 Grant Program Account—State. . . . . \$5,625,000  
 21 (17) Multimodal Transportation Account—State  
 22 Appropriation: For transfer to the Transportation  
 23 Innovative Partnership Account—State. . . . . \$6,000,000  
 24 (18) Environmental Legacy Stewardship Account—State  
 25 Appropriation: For transfer to the Multimodal  
 26 Transportation Account—State. . . . . \$13,000,000

27 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 402. FOR THE STATE TREASURER—STATE REVENUES**  
 28 **FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CITIES AND COUNTIES**

29 Multimodal Transportation Account—State Appropriation:  
 30 For distribution to cities and counties. . . . . \$23,438,000

31 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
 32 conditions and limitations: The amount provided must be allocated  
 33 between cities and counties using proportionate shares that are  
 34 consistent with the total amount of fuel tax revenue distributed  
 35 under RCW 46.68.090 to cities and counties. Funds credited to cities  
 36 must be allocated under RCW 46.68.110(4). Funds credited to counties

1 must be allocated under RCW 46.68.120(4). Expenditures from these  
2 funds may be used only for transportation purposes.

3 **MISCELLANEOUS**

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

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

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

13 (a) \$20.35 of each initial or renewal vehicle license fee must be  
14 deposited in the state patrol highway account in the motor vehicle  
15 fund, hereby created. Vehicle license fees, renewal vehicle license  
16 fees, and all other funds in the state patrol highway account must be  
17 for the sole use of the Washington state patrol for highway  
18 activities of the Washington state patrol, subject to proper  
19 appropriations and reappropriations.

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

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

26 (3) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may  
27 transfer from the state patrol highway account to the connecting  
28 Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of  
29 the state patrol highway account.

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

32 (1) The transportation 2003 account (nickel account) is hereby  
33 created in the motor vehicle fund. Money in the account may be spent  
34 only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account must be used  
35 only for projects or improvements identified as transportation 2003  
36 projects or improvements in the omnibus transportation budget and to  
37 pay the principal and interest on the bonds authorized for

1 transportation 2003 projects or improvements. Upon completion of the  
2 projects or improvements identified as transportation 2003 projects  
3 or improvements, moneys deposited in this account must only be used  
4 to pay the principal and interest on the bonds authorized for  
5 transportation 2003 projects or improvements, and any funds in the  
6 account in excess of the amount necessary to make the principal and  
7 interest payments may be used for maintenance on the completed  
8 projects or improvements.

9 (2) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may  
10 transfer from the transportation 2003 account (nickel account) to the  
11 connecting Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund  
12 balance of the transportation 2003 account (nickel account).

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

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

16 (1) The transportation partnership account is hereby created in  
17 the state treasury. All distributions to the account from RCW  
18 46.68.090 must be deposited into the account. Money in the account  
19 may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account  
20 must be used only for projects or improvements identified as 2005  
21 transportation partnership projects or improvements in the omnibus  
22 transportation appropriations act, including any principal and  
23 interest on bonds authorized for the projects or improvements.

24 (2) The legislature finds that:

25 (a) Citizens demand and deserve accountability of transportation-  
26 related programs and expenditures. Transportation-related programs  
27 must continuously improve in quality, efficiency, and effectiveness  
28 in order to increase public trust;

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

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

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

37 (a) "Performance audit" means an objective and systematic  
38 assessment of a state agency or agencies or any of their programs,  
39 functions, or activities by the state auditor or designee in order to

1 help improve agency efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability.  
2 Performance audits include economy and efficiency audits and program  
3 audits.

4 (b) "Transportation-related agency" means any state agency,  
5 board, or commission that receives funding primarily for  
6 transportation-related purposes. At a minimum, the department of  
7 transportation, the transportation improvement board or its successor  
8 entity, the county road administration board or its successor entity,  
9 and the traffic safety commission are considered transportation-  
10 related agencies. The Washington state patrol and the department of  
11 licensing shall not be considered transportation-related agencies  
12 under chapter 314, Laws of 2005.

13 (4) Within the authorities and duties under chapter 43.09 RCW,  
14 the state auditor shall establish criteria and protocols for  
15 performance audits. Transportation-related agencies shall be audited  
16 using criteria that include generally accepted government auditing  
17 standards as well as legislative mandates and performance objectives  
18 established by state agencies. Mandates include, but are not limited  
19 to, agency strategies, timelines, program objectives, and mission and  
20 goals as required in RCW 43.88.090.

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

25 (6) The audits may include:

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

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

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

34 (d) Analysis and recommendations for pooling information  
35 technology systems used within the transportation-related agency, and  
36 evaluation of information processing and telecommunications policy,  
37 organization, and management;

38 (e) Analysis of the roles and functions of the transportation-  
39 related agency, its programs, and its services and their compliance  
40 with statutory authority and recommendations for eliminating or

1 changing those roles and functions and ensuring compliance with  
2 statutory authority;

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

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

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

12 (i) Identification and recognition of best practices;

13 (j) Evaluation of planning, budgeting, and program evaluation  
14 policies and practices;

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

16 (l) Evaluation of purchasing operations and management policies  
17 and practices;

18 (m) Evaluation of organizational structure and staffing levels,  
19 particularly in terms of the ratio of managers and supervisors to  
20 nonmanagement personnel; and

21 (n) Evaluation of transportation-related project costs, including  
22 but not limited to environmental mitigation, competitive bidding  
23 practices, permitting processes, and capital project management.

24 (7) Within the authorities and duties under chapter 43.09 RCW,  
25 the state auditor must provide the preliminary performance audit  
26 reports to the audited state agency for comment. The auditor also may  
27 seek input on the preliminary report from other appropriate  
28 officials. Comments must be received within thirty days after receipt  
29 of the preliminary performance audit report unless a different time  
30 period is approved by the state auditor. The final performance audit  
31 report shall include the objectives, scope, and methodology; the  
32 audit results, including findings and recommendations; the agency's  
33 response and conclusions; and identification of best practices.

34 (8) The state auditor shall provide final performance audit  
35 reports to the citizens of Washington, the governor, the joint  
36 legislative audit and review committee, the appropriate legislative  
37 committees, and other appropriate officials. Final performance audit  
38 reports shall be posted on the internet.

39 (9) The audited transportation-related agency is responsible for  
40 follow-up and corrective action on all performance audit findings and

1 recommendations. The audited agency's plan for addressing each audit  
2 finding and recommendation shall be included in the final audit  
3 report. The plan shall provide the name of the contact person  
4 responsible for each action, the action planned, and the anticipated  
5 completion date. If the audited agency does not agree with the audit  
6 findings and recommendations or believes action is not required, then  
7 the action plan shall include an explanation and specific reasons.

8 The office of financial management shall require periodic  
9 progress reports from the audited agency until all resolution has  
10 occurred. The office of financial management is responsible for  
11 achieving audit resolution. The office of financial management shall  
12 annually report by December 31st the status of performance audit  
13 resolution to the appropriate legislative committees and the state  
14 auditor. The legislature shall consider the performance audit results  
15 in connection with the state budget process.

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

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

22 (11) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may  
23 transfer from the transportation partnership account to the  
24 connecting Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund  
25 balance of the transportation partnership account.

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

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

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

31 (a) All moneys directed by law;

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

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

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

36 (4) Expenditures from the account may be used only for the  
37 maintenance, administration, and operation of the Washington state  
38 ferry system.

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

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

9       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 506.**   This act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
11 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
12 effect immediately.

(End of Bill)

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