

ESSB 5801
Other Resource-Related Provisions

Section(s)	Provision & Summary	Effective Date
403 - 404	Ferry Procurement Revisions <i>- Modifies ferry procurement to require at least five additional vessels and amends vessel vehicle capacity.</i>	90 days
406	WSF Biodiesel Fuel <i>- Mandates B5 diesel fuel for WSF vessels & requires WSF to develop internal processes to transition diesel vessels in the fleet to the highest possible bio fuel blend or renewable diesel available by 2030.</i>	July 1, 2025
503	SR 520 Segment Tolling Authorization <i>- Authorizes the imposition of tolls on the entire SR 520 corridor, instead of just the floating bridge, including on-ramps and off-ramps.</i>	90 days
601	Exempting Transit Agencies from Shorelines Permits <i>- Exempts transit agencies from the requirement to obtain certain shorelines-related permits when conducting work within WSDOT right-of-way (similar to WSDOT exemptions).</i>	90 days
601 - 602	WSDOT Project Streamlining <i>- (1) Removes the project notification requirement regarding shorelines-related projects. (2) Clarifies examples of the types of maintenance and replacement projects in WSDOT right-of-way eligible for the existing shorelines permit exemptions. (3) Includes asbestos inspections in the scope of construction contracts in lieu of conducting inspections prior to bids.</i>	90 days
603 - 604	High Capacity Transportation as an Essential Public Facility <i>- Includes high capacity transportation system improvements, and bus rapid transit routes & stops, as essential public facilities under the GMA - (effect is prohibits local governments from precluding the siting of the facilities). Specifies that cities and counties (1) may not preclude the siting of high capacity transportation system improvements by imposing conditions or costs that are not reasonably necessary to mitigate adverse impacts directly caused by the improvements and (2) will commit to reasonable timelines to ensure timely issuance of permits without unnecessary delay.</i>	Jan 1, 2026 (505)
605	Transit Agency SEPA & NEPA Documents <i>- Provides that transit agency SEPA & NEPA documents regarding transit projects serve as the sole environmental review documents rather than local governments conducting separate environmental reviews. This does not apply to Sound Transit.</i>	90 days
701 - 709	County Local Road Grant Program <i>- Establishes a new county local road grant program to be administered by the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) to provide funds for projects not currently eligible for other CRAB funding.</i>	July 1, 2025
710	Codifying Transfers to the Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Program <i>- Creates the Sandy Williams connecting communities program account and requires quarterly transfers totaling \$12.5M annually from the multimodal transportation account.</i>	90 days
711	School-based Bicycle Education Grant Program <i>- Makes various programmatic revisions based on current implementation.</i>	90 days

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801 - 807	CCA Accounts Repeal <i>- Repeals the climate active transportation account and the climate transit programs account.</i>	6/30/2025 (except 803, 7/1/28)
808 - 810	Zero-Emission Transit Bus Sales & Use Tax Exemption <i>- Provides a tax exemption from sales and use taxes for zero-emission buses purchased by a transit agency or a federally recognized Indian tribe to provide public transportation services; requires quarterly transfers from CERA to cover loss to General Fund; and expires 1-2 months once expiration trigger of \$14 million reached.</i>	July 1, 2025
811 - 813	Alternative Fuel Grant and Education Programs <i>- Removes the respective biennial expirations and appropriation contingencies for WSDOT's zero emissions vehicle infrastructure partnerships (ZEVIP) and zero emissions access (ZAP) programs, and the WSU green energy technical assistance and education program, with other technical edits.</i>	July 1, 2025
814	CCA Fuel Conversion Activity <i>- Requires state agencies that receive funding in a transportation appropriations act for fuel conversion activities to report information to estimate emissions reductions resulting from these activities through the reporting tool developed by the JTC; and defines "fuel conversion" as the purchase of zero-emission or hybrid electric vehicles, vessels, or off-road equipment, and charging and refueling infrastructure.</i>	July 1, 2025
901	Complete Streets Revision <i>- Increases the dollar threshold for projects requiring complete streets designs from \$500,000 to \$1 million, starting August 1, 2025.</i>	90 days
902-903	Cooper Jones Active Transportation Council & Tribal Representation <i>- Adds a tribal government representative to the Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council at the Traffic Safety Commission.</i>	Sec. 903 exp. Jan. 1, 2026; Sec. 904 eff. Jan. 1, 2026
904	Shared Streets Technical Update <i>- Defines a "central business district" for purposes of the recently passed shared streets authority, and requires local authorities to obtain WSDOT's approval to designate a shared street on a state highway.</i>	90 days
905-907	Local Automated Traffic Safety Cameras <i>- Authorizes bus-mounted traffic safety cameras to be used to detect public transportation only lane violations - Makes an internal reference correction to ensure that transit authorities using bus-mounted traffic safety cameras to detect bus stop zone violations provide the appropriate local jurisdiction images or evidence collected for infraction processing purposes.</i>	90 days
1001	Public Transportation Benefit Areas <i>- Allows a PTBA, through an interlocal agreement, to annex an adjacent city operating its own transit system, after which the city must cease operating its transit system. After the annexation, the respective county legislative authority may annex county area into the PTBA.</i>	90 days

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1002	PTBA proportional representation compliance/ grant eligibility <i>- Makes PTBAs ineligible for certain grants if not fully in compliance with statutory governance requirements.</i>	90 days
1101	Adding Diversity Updates to the Board of Pilotage Annual Report <i>- Amends annual reporting requirements of the board of pilotage commissioners to include updates on efforts to increase diversity.</i>	90 days
1102 - 1103	Marine Pilotage Exemption <i>- Allows oil tankers of 5,000 gross tons or greater inbound or outbound from Canadian ports traveling through a specified area to be exempted from state pilotage requirements if they employ a pilot licensed by the Pacific Pilotage Authority (the pilot licensing authority for the Western District of Canada), and if it meets communication and navigational chart requirements. Expires July 1, 2027.</i>	July 1, 2025
1201 - 1224	Transportation Innovative Partnership Program <i>- The entirety of the TIP Program is repealed, with certain provisions modified or fully retained as part of a newly created statutory framework for the implementation of P3s for transportation projects.</i>	July 1, 2026
1301	Exempting WSDOT from Fencing Requirement Along PCC <i>- Exempts WSDOT from general requirement to install fencing along rail ROW.</i>	90 days
1302 - 1303	License Plate Shortages <i>- Directs the DOL to adopt rules establishing extensions of the expiration date for DOL temporary license plates in cases of shortages of permanent license plates, and specifies the actions that DOL and DOC must take when there is a projected license plate shortage statewide or in particular locations.</i>	90 days
1304	Aeronautics Account Technical Change <i>- Clarifies expenditure purposes as aviation-related purposes only, and that expenditures require an appropriation.</i>	90 days
1305	City Streets as Part of State Highways <i>- The increase of the population threshold for small cities and towns with state routes in their areas from 30,000 to 32,500, under which WSDOT is responsible for certain highway operations costs of those state routes, is advanced to July 1, 2025. It applies only to cities and towns with a population of 30,000 or less on January 1, 2025.</i>	July 1, 2025*
1306	Solicited Real Estate - WSDOT Exemption Addition <i>- Exempts public entities acquiring real property for transportation purposes from the recently passed legislation affecting solicited sales, including the requirement that potential buyers pay for appraisals.</i>	90 days
1307 - 1309	Tow Truck Impound Compensation <i>- Creates a program to compensate registered tow truck operators for the cost of towing, storage, and other services incurred during the towing of an indigent person's vehicle.</i>	February 1, 2026
1310 - 1314	Tax Increment Financing <i>- Expands authority under the tax increment financing law by allowing certain cities to designate a tax increment area with a combined assessed valuation greater than \$200 million but no more than \$500 million to fund certain transportation-related public improvements under certain conditions.</i>	90 days