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1 AN ACT Relating to improving transit agency coordination;
2 amending RCW 35.58.2796, 47.66.030, and 47.66.040; creating a new
3 section; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The central Puget Sound is projected to
6 grow considerably, in both population and jobs, over the course of
7 the next several decades. It is thus critical that all its
8 transportation infrastructure be well planned and coordinated,
9 including its transit systems. It is the intent of the legislature to
10 encourage this planning and coordination on the part of central Puget
11 Sound transit systems in order to improve the user experience,
12 increase ridership, and make the most effective use of tax dollars.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.58.2796 and 2011 c 371 s 2 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1)(a) The department of transportation shall develop an annual
16 report summarizing the status of public transportation systems in the
17 state for the previous calendar year. By December 1st of each year,
18 the report must be made available to the transportation committees of
19 the legislature and to each municipality, as defined in RCW

1 35.58.272, and to individual members of the municipality's
2 legislative authority.

3 ~~((2))~~ (b) To assist the department with preparation of the
4 report, each municipality shall file a system report by September 1st
5 of each year with the state department of transportation identifying
6 its public transportation services for the previous calendar year and
7 its objectives for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of
8 those services. The system report shall address those items required
9 for each public transportation system in the department's report.

10 ~~((3))~~ (c) The department report shall describe individual
11 public transportation systems, including contracted transportation
12 services and dial-a-ride services, and include a statewide summary of
13 public transportation issues and data. The descriptions shall include
14 the following elements and such other elements as the department
15 deems appropriate after consultation with the municipalities and the
16 transportation committees of the legislature:

17 ~~((a))~~ (i) Equipment and facilities, including vehicle
18 replacement standards;

19 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Services and service standards;

20 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Revenues, expenses, and ending balances, by fund
21 source;

22 ~~((d))~~ (iv) Policy issues and system improvement objectives,
23 including community participation in development of those objectives
24 and how those objectives address statewide transportation priorities;

25 ~~((e))~~ (v) Operating indicators applied to public transportation
26 services, revenues, and expenses. Operating indicators shall include
27 operating cost per passenger trip, operating cost per revenue vehicle
28 service hour, passenger trips per revenue service hour, passenger
29 trips per vehicle service mile, vehicle service hours per employee,
30 and farebox revenue as a percent of operating costs.

31 ~~((4))~~ (d) To the extent that information is available, the
32 department report must include descriptive information on any other
33 modes of public transportation, the impact of public transportation
34 on transportation system performance, and how public transportation
35 helps the state meet the transportation system policy goals described
36 in RCW 47.04.280.

37 (2)(a) The department of transportation shall develop an annual
38 report summarizing the status of public transportation system
39 coordination in and between counties with a population of seven
40 hundred thousand or more that border Puget Sound for the previous

1 calendar year. By December 1st of each year, the report must be made
2 available to the transportation committees of the legislature and to
3 each municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, located in a county
4 with a population of seven hundred thousand or more that borders
5 Puget Sound and to individual members of the municipality's
6 legislative authority.

7 (b) To assist the department with preparation of the report
8 required under this subsection, each municipality, as defined in RCW
9 35.58.272, shall file a report by September 1st of each year with the
10 department identifying its coordination efforts in the previous
11 calendar year with other municipalities, as defined in RCW 35.58.272,
12 located in counties with a population of seven hundred thousand or
13 more that border Puget Sound in the following areas:

- 14 (i) Integrating marketing efforts;
15 (ii) Aligning fare structures;
16 (iii) Integrating service planning;
17 (iv) Coordinating long-range planning, including capital projects
18 planning and implementation;
19 (v) Coordinating procurement;
20 (vi) Coordinating appropriate internal business processes;
21 (vii) Integrating user information tools; and
22 (viii) Coordinating service and design standards.

23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.66.030 and 2005 c 318 s 4 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) The department shall establish a regional mobility grant
26 program. The purpose of the grant program is to aid local governments
27 in funding projects such as intercounty connectivity service, park
28 and ride lots, rush hour transit service, and capital projects that
29 improve the connectivity, coordination, integration, quality, and
30 efficiency of our transportation system. The department shall
31 identify cost-effective projects that reduce delay for people and
32 goods increase interagency coordination and integration, improve the
33 user experience, and improve connectivity between counties and
34 regional population centers. The department shall submit a
35 prioritized list of all projects requesting funding to the
36 legislature by December 1st of each year.

37 (2) The department may establish an advisory committee to carry
38 out the mandates of this chapter.

1 (3) The department must report annually to the transportation
2 committees of the legislature on the status of any grants projects
3 funded by the program created under this section.

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 47.66.040 and 2005 c 318 s 5 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall select projects based on a competitive
7 process. The competition shall be consistent with the following
8 criteria:

9 (a) Local, regional, and state transportation plans;

10 (b) Local transit development plans; and

11 (c) Local comprehensive land use plans.

12 (2) The following criteria shall be considered by the department
13 in selecting programs and projects:

14 (a) Objectives of the growth management act, the high capacity
15 transportation act, the commute trip reduction act, transportation
16 demand management programs, federal and state air quality
17 requirements, and federal Americans with disabilities act and related
18 state accessibility requirements; and

19 (b) Enhancing the efficiency of regional corridors in moving
20 people among jurisdictions and modes of transportation, fostering
21 interagency coordination and integration, improving the user
22 experience, energy efficiency issues, reducing delay for people and
23 goods, freight and goods movement as related to economic development,
24 regional significance, rural isolation, the leveraging of other
25 funds, and safety and security issues.

26 (3) The department shall determine the appropriate level of local
27 match required for each project based on the source of funds.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect August 1, 2015.

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