
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5394

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Skratek)

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1 AN ACT Relating to payment for improvements to regional
2 transportation systems and facilities; and adding a new chapter to
3 Title 47 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that significant
6 new developments will increase burdens on state transportation systems
7 and facilities. In order to improve the operating efficiency of state
8 transportation systems and facilities, RCW 36.70A.070 requires that
9 concurrent transportation improvements or strategies be made to
10 accommodate the impacts of new development. The financial burdens of
11 maintaining existing regional transportation facilities and creating
12 capital improvements necessitated by new development must be borne
13 equitably, in a proportional manner by developers, local governments,
14 and the state.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Local governments and regional
16 transportation planning organizations, who are currently responsible
17 for ensuring that development proposals are consistent with local
18 comprehensive plans and regional transportation plans, shall notify the

1 department of transportation regarding any substantial development
2 proposal that, if approved, would impact state-owned and operated
3 transportation facilities.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** As used in this chapter, "substantial
5 development proposals" include, but are not limited to, the siting of
6 industrial parks, shopping malls, large residential complexes, sports
7 arenas, and convention centers.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department shall make an assessment of
9 substantial development proposals for regional impacts they may have on
10 state-owned and operated transportation facilities. If the department
11 determines that the substantial development proposal will impact state-
12 owned and operated transportation facilities, the department shall
13 recommend to the appropriate local governments, in consultation with
14 the relevant regional transportation planning organizations, a fee
15 which may be assessed by the local government upon the developer to
16 defray the cost of mitigating regional impacts to state-owned and
17 operated transportation facilities. The amount of this suggested fee
18 must not exceed the amount that the department can demonstrate is
19 reasonably necessary as a direct result of the proposed development.
20 The amount of this suggested fee must reflect a proportional share of
21 the costs of system improvements that are reasonably related to the new
22 development, and will reasonably benefit, the new development. The
23 department's suggested fee shall be considered by local governments
24 when assessing impact fees.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall
26 constitute a new chapter in Title 47 RCW.

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