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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5860**

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**By** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Owen, Heavey, Oke, Wood, Haugen, Fairley, Sellar, Schow, Rasmussen and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to transportation construction project cost  
2 estimates; and adding a new section to chapter 47.05 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.05 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 In order to improve transportation construction project cost  
7 estimates, including environmental mitigation costs, it is the intent  
8 of the legislature to revise the current method of budgeting and  
9 accounting for construction projects, by segregating the appropriations  
10 provided for preliminary engineering and right of way and construction.  
11 For an improvement project with an estimated total cost of fifteen  
12 million dollars or greater, the department shall submit preliminary  
13 engineering and right-of-way appropriation requests to the  
14 transportation commission, the governor, and the legislature for any  
15 new improvement project to be considered by the 1996 legislature and  
16 thereafter. At the time the appropriation request is made for  
17 preliminary engineering and right of way, preliminary construction  
18 estimates must also be provided. Upon completion of the preliminary  
19 engineering and right-of-way phases of project development, the

1 department shall submit an appropriation request for the construction  
2 of the project. Projects that have received funding for preliminary  
3 engineering, right of way, and construction before the effective date  
4 of this act are not subject to this section.

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