

HB 1565-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares that the transportation element required by RCW 36.70A.070 for counties and cities planning under RCW 36.70A.040 may include, in addition to those specified in RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b), multimodal transportation improvements or strategies concurrent with the development to satisfy the concurrency requirements of this chapter. Such improvements or strategies may include, but are not limited to, measures implementing or evaluating: (1) Multiple modes of transportation with peak and nonpeak hour capacity performance standards on locally owned transportation facilities; and

(2) Modal performance standards meeting the peak and nonpeak hour capacity performance standards.

Provides that jurisdictions implementing new transportation improvements or strategies in accordance with the provisions of this act or RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b) after December 31, 2005, shall prepare and submit to the department annual performance reports that include, at a minimum, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the improvements or strategies.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to administer a study to examine multimodal transportation improvements and strategies to comply with the concurrency requirements of RCW 36.70A.070(6), subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose. The study shall be completed by one or more regional transportation planning organizations established under chapter 47.80 RCW electing to participate in the study.

Provides that the study shall, at a minimum, include: (1) An assessment and comprehensive summary of studies or reports examining concurrency requirements and practices in Washington;

(2) An examination of existing or proposed multimodal transportation improvements or strategies employed by a city in a county with a population of one million or more residents;

(3) Recommendations for statutory and administrative rule changes that will further the promotion of effective multimodal transportation improvements and strategies that are consistent with the provisions of RCW 36.70A.070 and 36.70A.020(3);

(4) Recommendations for improving the coordination of concurrency practices in jurisdictions subject to RCW 36.70A.215;

(5) An identification of effective multimodal transportation improvements and strategies employed by jurisdictions subject to RCW 36.70A.215; and

(6) Recommendations for model multimodal transportation improvements and strategies that may be employed by counties and cities.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to, in coordination with participating regional transportation planning organizations completing the study established by this act, submit a report of findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31, 2006.

