

By Representative Farrell

PSHB 1147 - H COMM AMD (TO H-2387.9/17)

By Committee on Transportation

1 On page 30, line 25 of the proposed substitute, increase the
2 Multimodal Transportation Account--State Appropriation by \$250,000

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4 On page 30, line 28 of the proposed substitute, correct the total.

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6 On page 30, line 30 of the proposed substitute, after
7 "limitations:" insert the following:

8 "(1) \$250,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state
9 appropriation is provided solely for a feasibility/viability study of
10 infrastructure investments in the electrification of rail lines for
11 moving freight in Washington state. The feasibility study must:

12 (a) Investigate the cost of a public overlay of electrification
13 for freight and/or passenger rail;

14 (b) Review the cost and benefits of increasing track speeds along
15 the Seattle-Everett-Wenatchee-Spokane corridor;

16 (c) Analyze relative impacts of track improvements leading to
17 speed upgrades and determine whether a market business case exists for
18 investments leading to speeds above 80 miles-per-hour;

19 (d) Investigate the role of high-voltage electric energy
20 transmission along the rail right-of-way in achieving such benefits;

21 (e) Evaluate potential funding sources and mechanisms.

22 The department shall provide a report of its study findings to the
23 governor and transportation committees of the legislature by December
24 31, 2018.

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1 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
2 internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Provides \$250,000 for a feasibility/viability study of infrastructure investments in the electrification of rail lines for moving freight in Washington state.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases Multimodal Acct - State by \$250,000.

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