RCW 81.70.010  Business affected with the public interest—
Declaration of purpose. The use of the public highways for the
transportation of passengers for compensation is a business affected
with the public interest. It is the purpose of this chapter to
preserve for the public full benefit in use of public highways
consistent with the needs of commerce, without unnecessary congestion
or wear and tear upon such highways; to secure to the people safe,
adequate and dependable transportation by carriers operating upon such
highways; and to secure full and unrestricted flow of traffic by motor
carriers over such highways which will adequately meet reasonable
public demands by providing for the regulation of all transportation
agencies with respect to safety of operations and accident indemnity
so that safe, adequate and dependable service by all necessary
transportation agencies shall be maintained, and the full use of the
highway reserved to the public. [1965 c 150 § 2.]