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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2068**

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**State of Washington**

**66th Legislature**

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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Ortiz-Self and Kloba)

READ FIRST TIME 03/01/19.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing discounted toll rates to certain  
2 individuals on certain tolled facilities; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The transportation commission shall  
5 conduct a study of discounted tolls and other similar programs, for  
6 low-income drivers, that are provided by other states, countries, or  
7 other jurisdictions. The transportation commission may contract with  
8 a consultant to conduct all or a portion of this study.

9 (2) In conducting the study, the transportation commission shall  
10 consult with both the department of transportation and the department  
11 of social and health services.

12 (3) The transportation commission shall, at a minimum, consider  
13 the following issues when conducting the study of discounted tolls  
14 and other similar programs, for low-income drivers:

15 (a) The benefits, requirements, and any potential detriments to  
16 the users of a program;

17 (b) The most cost-effective way to implement a program given  
18 existing financial commitments, shared cost requirements across  
19 facilities, and technical requirements to execute and maintain a  
20 program; and

1 (c) The implications of a program for tolling policies, revenues,  
2 costs, operations, and enforcement.

3 (4) The transportation commission shall provide a report  
4 detailing the findings of this study and recommendations for  
5 implementing a discounted toll or other appropriate program in the  
6 state of Washington to the transportation committees of the  
7 legislature by December 1, 2019.

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