

By Representative Murray

**SSB 6241** - H COMM AMD TO TR COMM AMD (H-5288.6/06)  
By Committee on Transportation

1           On page 51, line 11, after "2006" insert ", except for the  
2 projects: "Palouse River & Coulee City RR Acquisition" and "PR & CC  
3 Cheney-Coulee-Pullman Upgrades." Instead, these projects and their  
4 funding shall be combined into one project."

5           On page 51, after line 19, insert the following:

6           "(c) The office of financial management shall negotiate the  
7 purchase of the CW line. The purchase agreement must include both  
8 the operating and capital rights of the CW line. If the office of  
9 financial management is unable to negotiate the purchase of the CW  
10 line, the office may stop all negotiations and acquire the line and  
11 operational rights through any other alternative means available.  
12 The office of financial management shall also negotiate a new  
13 operational agreement for the line, in consultation with local  
14 governments and other stakeholders.

15           (d) The office of financial management shall negotiate a new  
16 operating agreement on the P&L and PV Hooper lines, in consultation  
17 with local governments and other stakeholders. If the office of  
18 financial management is unable to negotiate a new operating  
19 agreement for the lines, the office may stop all negotiations and  
20 acquire the operational rights through any other alternative means  
21 available."

**EFFECT:** Combines the Palouse River & Coulee City railroad acquisition and upgrades into one project. Requires the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to purchase the CW rail line with operational rights. Requires OFM to negotiate new operating agreements on the CW, P&L, and PV Hooper rail lines, in consultation with local governments and other stakeholders. If the OFM is unable to negotiate the purchase and new operating

agreements, they are authorized to purchase the line and acquire the operating rights through any other available means.