

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## ESHB 2067

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As Amended by the Senate

**Title:** An act relating to state agency commute trip reduction programs.

**Brief Description:** Encouraging commute trip reduction programs.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Fisher, Wolfe, Anderson, Schmidt, Locke, Pruitt, Kremen, Springer and Eide; by request of Department of General Administration).

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:  
Transportation, March 4, 1993, DPS;  
Passed House, March 16, 1993, 92-5;  
Amended by Senate.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 16 members: Representatives R. Fisher, Chair; Brown, Vice Chair; Jones, Vice Chair; Cothorn; Finkbeiner; Heavey; Johanson; J. Kohl; R. Meyers; H. Myers; Orr; Patterson; Quall; Sheldon; Shin; and Zellinsky.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives Schmidt, Ranking Minority Member; Mielke, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brumsickle; Eide; Forner; Fuhrman; Hansen; Horn; Miller; and Wood.

**Staff:** Brian McMorrow (786-7304).

**Background:** The commute trip reduction law requires state agencies to reduce the number of their employees traveling by single-occupancy vehicle to their work sites. The Legislature has required an interagency task force to recommend policies that would encourage state employees to walk, bike or use any one of several ride-sharing alternatives for their daily commute.

**Summary of Bill:** State employees may use state-owned or leased vehicles for ride sharing as part of the commute trip reduction program required by the state Clean Air Act.

All money collected from rental or parking spaces at state-owned or leased property must be deposited in the State Capitol Vehicle Parking Account. Money deposited in the account must first be used for pledged purposes. The unpledged portion of the money may be used to operate state-owned and leased parking facilities, support commute trip reduction programs related to the state Clean Air Act, and pay for the lease of and capital investment in state parking facilities. The Office of Financial Management will distribute funds from the account after considering the recommendations of the director of General Administration and the Interagency Task Force for Commute Trip Reduction.

State agencies may use public funds for programs that encourage employees who use carpools, vanpools and public transit.

Parking fees may not exceed the local market rate of comparable privately owned rental parking.

The department must create a regional committee consisting of representatives from state agencies, state employees and state employee bargaining units to advise the director of general administration on parking rental fee rates. In the event that parking rental fees for state-owned or leased property become part of a collective bargaining agreement and there is a conflict between the agency and the collective bargaining unit, the collective bargaining agreement prevails.

All state higher education institutions are exempt from this bill.

**EFFECT OF SENATE AMENDMENT(S):** Passenger motor vehicles (vans and cars) used primarily as ride-sharing vehicles and carrying at least four persons, including the driver, are exempt from the motor vehicle excise tax. The registered owner of a vehicle that is no longer primarily used for ride-sharing must notify the Department of Licensing and pay the motor vehicle excise tax due. A person who knowingly gives false information to the department when applying for special plates required for ride-sharing vehicles may be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** The bill permits state agencies to implement effectively the requirements of the state commute trip reduction law.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** John Franklin, Department of General Administration; Joan Cullen, Department of General Administration; and Jim Slakey, Department of Transportation.

**VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE:**

Yeas 92; Nays 5; Excused 1

Nays: Representatives Brumsickle, Fuhrman, Padden, Silver, Van Luven

Excused: Representative Thomas