

ESSB 6800 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5548.1/06)
By Representative Woods

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1 Beginning on page 1, line 3 of the amendment, strike all of section
2 1 and insert the following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 47.01.051 and 1977 ex.s. c 151 s 5 are each amended
4 to read as follows:

5 There is hereby created a transportation commission, which shall
6 consist of seven voting members appointed by the governor, with the
7 consent of the senate. The present five members of the highway
8 commission shall serve as five initial members of the transportation
9 commission until their terms of office as highway commission members
10 would have expired. The additional two members provided herein for the
11 transportation commission shall be appointed for initial terms to
12 expire on June 30, 1982, and June 30, 1983. Thereafter all terms shall
13 be for six years. No elective state official (~~(or)~~), state officer, or
14 state employee shall be a member of the commission(~~(, and not more than~~
15 ~~four members of the commission shall at the time of appointment or~~
16 ~~thereafter during their respective terms of office be members of the~~
17 ~~same major political party))~~). At the time of appointment or thereafter
18 during their respective terms of office, four members of the commission
19 shall reside in the western part of the state and three members shall
20 reside in the eastern part of the state as divided north and south by
21 the summit of the Cascade mountains. No more than two members of the
22 commission shall reside in the same county; however, the governor, or
23 his or her designee, shall serve as a nonvoting member of the
24 commission. Commission appointments should reflect both a wide range
25 of transportation interests and a balanced statewide geographic
26 representation. Commissioners (~~(shall not)~~) may be removed from office
27 by the governor before the expiration of their terms (~~(unless for a~~
28 ~~disqualifying change of residence or for cause based upon a~~
29 ~~determination of incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, or~~
30 ~~malfeasance in office by the superior court of the state of Washington~~

1 ~~in and for Thurston county upon petition and show cause proceedings~~
2 ~~duly brought therefor in said court and directed to the commissioner in~~
3 ~~question)) for cause.~~ No member shall be appointed for more than two
4 consecutive terms."

5 On page 4, line 15 of the amendment, after "thereafter." insert
6 "The plan shall be subject to the approval of the legislature in the
7 biennial transportation budget act."

8 Beginning on page 38, line 19 of the amendment, strike all of
9 section 45 and insert the following:

10 "**Sec. 45.** RCW 47.05.030 and 2005 c 319 s 9 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 The transportation commission shall ~~((adopt))~~ develop a
13 comprehensive ten-year investment program specifying program objectives
14 and performance measures for the preservation and improvement programs
15 defined in this section. The adopted ten-year investment program must
16 be forwarded as a recommendation to the governor and the legislature,
17 and is subject to the approval of the legislature in the biennial
18 transportation budget act. In the specification of investment program
19 objectives and performance measures, the transportation commission, in
20 consultation with the Washington state department of transportation,
21 shall define and adopt standards for effective programming and
22 prioritization practices including a needs analysis process. The
23 analysis process must ensure the identification of problems and
24 deficiencies, the evaluation of alternative solutions and trade-offs,
25 and estimations of the costs and benefits of prospective projects.
26 ~~((The investment program must be revised based on directions by the~~
27 ~~office of financial management.))~~ The investment program must be based
28 upon the needs identified in the state-owned highway component of the
29 statewide comprehensive transportation plan ~~((as defined in RCW~~
30 ~~47.01.071(3))~~)).

31 (1) The preservation program consists of those investments
32 necessary to preserve the existing state highway system and to restore
33 existing safety features, giving consideration to lowest life cycle
34 costing. The preservation program must require use of the most cost-
35 effective pavement surfaces, considering:

- 1 (a) Life-cycle cost analysis;
- 2 (b) Traffic volume;
- 3 (c) Subgrade soil conditions;
- 4 (d) Environmental and weather conditions;
- 5 (e) Materials available; and
- 6 (f) Construction factors.

7 The comprehensive ten-year investment program for preservation must
8 identify projects for two years and an investment plan for the
9 remaining eight years.

10 (2) The improvement program consists of investments needed to
11 address identified deficiencies on the state highway system to increase
12 mobility, address congestion, and improve safety, support for the
13 economy, and protection of the environment. The ten-year investment
14 program for improvements must identify projects for two years and major
15 deficiencies proposed to be addressed in the ten-year period giving
16 consideration to relative benefits and life cycle costing. The
17 transportation commission shall give higher priority for correcting
18 identified deficiencies on those facilities classified as facilities of
19 statewide significance as defined in RCW 47.06.140. Project
20 prioritization must be based primarily upon cost-benefit analysis,
21 where appropriate.

22 ~~((The transportation commission shall approve and present the
23 comprehensive ten-year investment program to the governor and the
24 legislature as directed by the office of financial management.))"~~

EFFECT: Reinstates specific geographic representation requirements of how the Commission is composed. Reinstates two-term limit on commissioners. Moves the functions and duties of preparing the comprehensive investment program to the Commission instead of the DOT. Requires legislative approval in the transportation budget of both the statewide transportation plan and comprehensive investment program.

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