

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1793

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Addressing alternative student transportation.

Sponsors: House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Williams, Goodman, Nelson, White, Pedersen, Roberts, Upthegrove and Eddy).

House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background:

The federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005 established a Safe Routes to Schools Program (Program). The SAFETEA-LU provided funds to be administered by state departments of transportation to provide financial assistance to state, local, and regional agencies and non-profit organizations for projects that improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

Beginning in 2005, Washington's transportation budget has provided state funds for the Program administered by the Department of Transportation (DOT). The associated budget provisos require that the DOT identify cost-effective projects and submit a prioritized list to the Legislature. The DOT provides potential grant applicants information and training and issues an annual call for projects. The DOT also contracts with nonprofit organizations to provide information and technical assistance.

Summary:

The Program is established within the DOT. The purpose of the Program is to: enable and encourage children to walk and bicycle to school; make bicycling and walking to school safer and more appealing; and facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 83 13

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Senate 46 1 (Senate amended)
House 96 0 (House concurred)

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