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By Senators Fraser, Swecker, Haugen, Eide, Marr, Sheldon, Berkey, Benton, and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to commute trip reduction for state agencies; and
2 amending RCW 70.94.541, 70.94.547, and 70.94.551.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.94.541 and 2006 c 329 s 8 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department of transportation shall provide staff support to
7 the commute trip reduction board in carrying out the requirements of
8 RCW 70.94.537.

9 (2) The department of transportation shall provide technical
10 assistance to regional transportation planning organizations, counties,
11 cities, ((and)) towns, ((the department of general administration,
12 ether)) state agencies, and other employers in developing and
13 implementing commute trip reduction plans and programs. The technical
14 assistance shall include: (a) Guidance in single measurement
15 methodology and practice to be used in determining progress in
16 attaining plan goals; (b) developing model plans and programs
17 appropriate to different situations; and (c) providing consistent
18 training and informational materials for the implementation of commute
19 trip reduction programs. Model plans and programs, training, and

1 informational materials shall be developed in cooperation with
2 representatives of regional transportation planning organizations,
3 local governments, transit agencies, and employers.

4 (3) In carrying out this section the department of transportation
5 may contract with statewide associations representing cities, towns,
6 and counties to assist cities, towns, and counties in implementing
7 commute trip reduction plans and programs.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.94.547 and 2006 c 329 s 10 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 The legislature hereby recognizes the state's crucial leadership
11 role in establishing and implementing effective commute trip reduction
12 programs. Therefore, it is the policy of the state that the department
13 of (~~general administration~~) transportation and other state agencies,
14 including institutions of higher education, shall aggressively develop
15 substantive programs to reduce commute trips by state employees.
16 Implementation of these programs will reduce energy consumption,
17 congestion in urban areas, and air and water pollution associated with
18 automobile travel.

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.94.551 and 2006 c 329 s 11 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) The (~~director~~) secretary of the department of (~~general~~
22 ~~administration~~) transportation may coordinate an interagency board for
23 the purpose of developing policies or guidelines that promote
24 consistency among state agency commute trip reduction programs required
25 by RCW 70.94.527 and 70.94.531. The board shall include
26 representatives of the departments of transportation, ecology, and
27 community, trade, and economic development and such other departments
28 and interested groups as the (~~director~~) secretary of the department
29 of (~~general administration~~) transportation determines to be
30 necessary. Policies and guidelines shall be applicable to all state
31 agencies including but not limited to policies and guidelines regarding
32 parking and parking charges, employee incentives for commuting by other
33 than single-occupant automobiles, flexible and alternative work
34 schedules, alternative worksites, and the use of state-owned vehicles
35 for car and van pools and guaranteed rides home. The policies and

1 guidelines shall also consider the costs and benefits to state agencies
2 of achieving commute trip reductions and consider mechanisms for
3 funding state agency commute trip reduction programs.

4 (2) State agencies sharing a common location in affected urban
5 growth areas where the total number of state employees is one hundred
6 or more shall, with assistance from the department of (~~general~~
7 ~~administration~~) transportation, develop and implement a joint commute
8 trip reduction program, except that state agencies located in the
9 Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater urban growth areas must develop and
10 implement one joint commute trip reduction program for all of the
11 agencies located in the three urban growth areas. The worksite shall
12 be treated as specified in RCW 70.94.531 and 70.94.534.

13 (3) The department of (~~general administration~~) transportation
14 shall review the initial commute trip reduction program of each state
15 agency subject to the commute trip reduction plan for state agencies to
16 determine if the program is likely to meet the applicable commute trip
17 reduction goals and notify the agency of any deficiencies. If it is
18 found that the program is not likely to meet the applicable commute
19 trip reduction goals, the department of (~~general administration~~)
20 transportation will work with the agency to modify the program as
21 necessary.

22 (4) Each state agency implementing a commute trip reduction plan
23 shall report at least once per year to its agency director on the
24 performance of the agency's commute trip reduction program as part of
25 the agency's quality management, accountability, and performance system
26 as defined by RCW 43.17.385. The reports shall assess the performance
27 of the program, progress toward state goals established under RCW
28 70.94.537, and recommendations for improving the program.

29 (5) The department of (~~general administration~~) transportation
30 shall review the agency performance reports defined in subsection (4)
31 of this section and submit a biennial report for state agencies subject
32 to this chapter to the governor and incorporate the report in the
33 commute trip reduction board report to the legislature as directed in
34 RCW 70.94.537(6). The report shall include, but is not limited to, an
35 evaluation of the most recent measurement results, progress toward
36 state goals established under RCW 70.94.537, and recommendations for
37 improving the performance of state agency commute trip reduction

1 programs. The information shall be reported in a form established by
2 the commute trip reduction board.

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