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By Senators Hobbs, Stevens, Haugen, Fairley, Berkey, McAuliffe, Shin and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to a feasibility study on commuter rail service
2 between Everett and Leavenworth; creating a new section; making an
3 appropriation; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of transportation shall
6 conduct a feasibility study to provide information on whether commuter
7 rail service between Everett and Leavenworth can be a meaningful
8 component of the region's future transportation system. The study
9 must:

10 (a) Assess how many riders might be attracted to commuter rail
11 service in this region;

12 (b) Identify and evaluate potential station sites;

13 (c) Estimate costs for securing rights and constructing platforms
14 and stations;

15 (d) Provide a general analysis of the ability of the Everett to
16 Leavenworth rail system to accommodate commuter and/or passenger rail
17 service and the effect of this service on existing and planned rail
18 freight operations, including an estimate on congestion mitigation; and

1 (e) Provide an economic and cost-benefit analysis of increased
2 tourism to small towns along state route number 2 with the addition of
3 commuter and/or passenger rail service in this region, including a
4 description of the impact on land use development and planning in this
5 region along with potential environmental mitigation costs.

6 (2) The department shall deliver a report of this feasibility study
7 to the transportation committees of the house of representatives and
8 senate by February 1, 2008.

9 (3) This section expires December 31, 2008.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or
11 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal
12 year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the department of
13 transportation to conduct a feasibility study on providing commuter
14 rail service between Everett and Leavenworth.

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