
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6613

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By Senate Economic Development, Trade & Management (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Pridemore, Marr, and Shin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a statewide infrastructure investment strategy;
2 creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that while state and
5 local governments invest billions of dollars per year in infrastructure
6 development and rehabilitation through numerous programs, there is no
7 overall strategy guiding our state's infrastructure investments. The
8 legislature also finds that the state often undertakes significant new
9 policy initiatives that impact how infrastructure funds are spent,
10 without identifying funding needs or sources necessary to achieve the
11 policy objectives. Therefore, the legislature finds that a statewide
12 infrastructure investment strategy is necessary to provide policy
13 direction for our infrastructure investments and to identify
14 sufficient, reliable, and sustainable funding for infrastructure
15 investments that will help the state achieve its policy priorities and
16 help local governments carry out regulatory mandates resulting from
17 those priorities.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislative committee on a statewide
2 infrastructure investment strategy created in section 4 of this act is
3 directed to develop a ten-year statewide infrastructure investment
4 strategy to provide policy direction for state infrastructure
5 investments and identify sufficient and sustainable funding for
6 investments needed to implement policy initiatives of the state. The
7 strategy must provide the following:

8 (1) Identify the state's financial responsibility for
9 infrastructure investment necessary to achieve the state's policy goals
10 and regulatory obligations placed on local government resulting from
11 such policy goals over the next ten years relating to:

- 12 (a) Basic infrastructure;
- 13 (b) Housing to accommodate growth;
- 14 (c) Economic development;
- 15 (d) Transportation mobility and congestion relief;
- 16 (e) Parks and recreational facilities;
- 17 (f) Open space and the environment;
- 18 (g) K-12 and higher education;
- 19 (h) Community development and arts facilities;
- 20 (i) Historic and cultural sites;
- 21 (j) Criminal justice and public safety; and
- 22 (k) Flood control facilities;

23 (2) Identify appropriate funding sources and forecasted revenues
24 during the next ten years for infrastructure investments identified in
25 categories outlined in subsection (1)(a) through (k) of this section,
26 including analysis of funding requests in state grant and loan programs
27 relative to available funding;

28 (3) In the event available funding falls short of identified need,
29 identify potential new funding sources to meet the ten-year funding
30 need;

31 (4) Determine whether existing state infrastructure funding
32 programs appropriately reflect and support the achievement of the
33 state's policy goals and regulatory obligations placed on local
34 governments for the infrastructure categories identified in subsection
35 (1)(a) through (k) of this section;

36 (5) Make appropriate recommendations for either restructuring state
37 infrastructure funding assistance programs or creating new programs, or
38 both, to help meet state policy goals and obligations. Recommendations

1 must include criteria necessary for eligibility to receive funding
2 assistance for each state infrastructure funding assistance program;
3 and

4 (6) The legislative committee on a statewide infrastructure
5 investment strategy must prioritize a work plan for the categories
6 listed in subsection (1)(a) through (k) of this section and include
7 findings from studies that complement the work plan.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislative committee on a statewide
9 infrastructure investment strategy created in section 4 of this act
10 must work with the office of financial management, in cooperation with
11 the department of community, trade, and economic development, the
12 department of ecology, and the department of health, to develop a plan
13 for reorganizing infrastructure assistance programs into an improved
14 infrastructure investment system. The implementation plan must
15 identify opportunities for the system to:

- 16 (1) Increase access to program information and applications;
- 17 (2) Coordinate program investments to ensure all budget and tax
18 support from all state sources is disclosed;
- 19 (3) Promote strategic investments aligned with state policy goals;
- 20 (4) Provide effective and efficient program administration;
- 21 (5) Suggest changes in statutes to accomplish the plan; and
- 22 (6) Estimate costs to implement the plan.

23 The implementation plan must be delivered to the governor and the
24 appropriate legislative committees by November 1, 2008.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The legislative committee on a statewide
26 infrastructure investment strategy is created. The committee consists
27 of three members from each caucus in both the senate and the house of
28 representatives, for a total of twelve members.

29 (2) The legislative committee on a statewide infrastructure
30 investment strategy must produce a progress report by December 1, 2008,
31 and recommendations for legislative action in 2009, for review by the
32 appropriate standing committees of the legislature. During 2009, the
33 committee must create appropriate task forces including appropriate
34 stakeholders as necessary on identified priorities in section 2(1) of
35 this act in order to develop the final report. The final report must

1 be completed and submitted to the senate, the house of representatives,
2 and the office of financial management by December 1, 2009.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act expires December 1, 2009.

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