
HOUSE BILL 2782

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1 AN ACT Relating to personal transportation services; creating a new
2 section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that
5 Washingtonians are early adopters of technology and have come to rely
6 on services provided by mobile application-based personal
7 transportation services. The legislature further finds that a
8 piecemeal approach to regulating such services could result in a
9 patchwork of conflicting standards, stifle innovation, and reduce
10 consumer choice. Finally, the legislature finds that the safety of the
11 users of such services must be made a priority. Therefore, the
12 legislature intends to study the market for personal transportation
13 services, including those that rely on use of a mobile application,
14 with an aim to adopt a statewide regulatory framework during the 2015
15 legislative session.

16 (2) The joint transportation committee must convene a work group to
17 study the use of personal transportation services, including for-hire
18 vehicles, taxicabs, limousines, and mobile application-based personal
19 transportation services. The committee must work with the department

1 of licensing, the office of the insurance commissioner, and the
2 employment security department to determine how those agencies
3 currently regulate personal transportation services and how they may
4 play a role in any future regulatory framework. The committee must
5 also work with stakeholders representing (a) owners, operators, and
6 users of personal transportation services, (b) mobile application
7 technology developers, and (c) local authorities.

8 (3) The committee must study the industry of providing
9 transportation for compensation, including the following:

10 (a) Insurance coverage and policy requirements to own and operate
11 a vehicle providing transportation for compensation;

12 (b) Safety regulations, including those related to vehicles or
13 drivers, that apply to vehicles used to provide transportation for
14 compensation;

15 (c) The impact of the regulation of such services by local
16 governments, including cities, counties, and port districts; and

17 (d) Barriers faced by taxicab operators, including local caps on
18 licenses, lease and meter rates, and enforcement of rules regarding
19 other transportation services.

20 (4) The committee must also provide recommendations regarding
21 legislative changes that would benefit the public by encouraging
22 additional transportation options, increased transparency, enhanced
23 safety, and options for statewide regulatory frameworks.

24 (5) By December 31, 2014, the committee must provide a report to
25 the transportation committees of the legislature summarizing the study
26 and recommendations required by this section.

27 (6) This section expires June 30, 2015.

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