

**ESHB 1902** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1.** (1) The department of transportation, in consultation with the department of ecology, shall convene a work group to develop recommendations to streamline the permitting of transportation projects, by aligning priorities, legal requirements, timelines, processing, and interests, in permitting. The work group shall designate the entity or entities responsible for the implementation of each recommendation, including the entity primarily responsible for the implementation of each recommendation.

(2) The work group shall consist of the following members:

(a) One representative from the department of transportation, to be appointed by the secretary of the department;

(b) One representative from the department of ecology, to be appointed by the director of the department;

(c) One representative from the department of fish and wildlife, to be appointed by the director of the department;

(d) One representative from the department of commerce, to be appointed by the director of the department;

(e) One representative from the office of equity, to be appointed by the director of the office;

(f) One representative from the association of Washington cities;

(g) One representative from the Washington state association of counties;

(h) One representative from the Washington public ports association;

(i) One representative from an organization representing general contractors;

(j) One representative from a statewide organization representing construction trades labor;

(k) One representative from the Washington state transit association;

1 (1) One representative from the United States army corps of  
2 engineers, to be invited by the secretary of the department of  
3 transportation;

4 (m) One representative of the consultant engineering community;  
5 and

6 (n) At least one, but not limited to, representative from tribes,  
7 and additional coordination from the governor's office of Indian  
8 affairs.

9 (3) The work group shall develop recommendations to reduce  
10 project costs and the time required from project conception to  
11 project completion. These recommendations must ensure that all  
12 appropriate environmental and regulatory protections are maintained.

13 (4) Staff support to the work group must be provided by the  
14 department of transportation.

15 (5) The work group shall convene its first meeting by October 1,  
16 2025, and shall submit an interim report to the legislature by  
17 January 1, 2026, outlining its work to date, along with information  
18 on any permits or processes the work group may focus on during the  
19 course of their work, and a final report to the legislature detailing  
20 its work and any recommendations, including any recommendations for  
21 legislation, by November 1, 2026.

22 (6) This section expires December 31, 2026."

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23 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "projects;" strike the  
24 remainder of the title and insert "creating a new section; and  
25 providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: • Requires that the work group designate the entities  
responsible for the implementation of each recommendation, including  
the entity primarily responsible.

• Requires the work group to submit an interim report to the  
legislature by January 1, 2026, outlining its work to date, along  
with information on any permits or processes the work group may focus  
on during the course of their work, in addition to the final report  
by November 1, 2026.

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