HOUSE BILL 1853

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By Representative Fey

AN ACT Relating to making certain corrective changes resulting 1 from the enactment of chapter 182, Laws of 2022 (transportation 2 3 resources); amending RCW 46.17.015, 46.17.025, 81.104.170, 81.104.175, 47.04.380, 47.04.390, 46.68.480, 43.84.092, 43.84.092, 4 47.66.140, and 43.392.040; reenacting and amending RCW 47.04.010; 5 6 adding a new section to chapter 47.04 RCW; creating new sections; 7 recodifying RCW 47.24.060; providing effective dates; and providing 8 an expiration date.

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

10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. During the regular legislative session of 11 2022, the legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 12 5974 (chapter 182, Laws of 2022), a significant transportation resources bill intended to provide needed transportation funding 13 throughout the state. However, since the enactment of that act, 14 15 certain drafting errors and omissions were identified within the act 16 resulting in some provisions being enacted contrary to legislative 17 intent. Additionally, some corrective changes were identified that 18 would better conform certain provisions with original legislative 19 intent. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to simply 20 correct manifest drafting errors and omissions and adopt corrective changes in order to conform certain provisions with the original 21

legislative intent of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5974 (chapter 182, Laws of 2022). It is not the intent of the legislature to alter the intended substantive policy enacted in Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5974 (chapter 182, Laws of 2022), but rather to make certain corrective changes.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.015 and 2022 c 182 s 207 are each amended to 7 read as follows:

8 (1) A person who applies for a vehicle registration or for any 9 other right to operate a vehicle on the highways of this state shall 10 pay a 25 cent license plate technology fee in addition to any other 11 fees and taxes required by law. The license plate technology fee must 12 be distributed under RCW 46.68.370.

(2) A vehicle registered under RCW 46.16A.455 or 46.17.330 is not subject to the license plate technology fee, except for a vehicle registered under RCW ((46.16A.455(3))) <u>46.17.355 with a declared</u> <u>gross weight of less than 10,001 pounds, unless specifically exempt</u>.

17 (3) The revenue from the license plate technology fee imposed on 18 vehicles registered under RCW 46.16A.455(3) must be deposited in the 19 move ahead WA account created in RCW 46.68.510.

20 Sec. 3. RCW 46.17.025 and 2022 c 182 s 208 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

(1) A person who applies for a vehicle registration or for any other right to operate a vehicle on the highways of this state shall pay a 50 cent license service fee in addition to any other fees and taxes required by law. The license service fee must be distributed under RCW 46.68.220.

(2) A vehicle registered under RCW 46.16A.455 or 46.17.330 is not
subject to the license service fee, except for a vehicle registered
under RCW ((46.16A.455(3))) 46.17.355 with a declared gross weight of
less than 10,001 pounds, unless specifically exempt.

31 (3) The revenue from the license service fee imposed on vehicles 32 registered under RCW 46.16A.455(3) must be deposited in the move 33 ahead WA account created in RCW 46.68.510.

34 Sec. 4. RCW 81.104.170 and 2019 c 273 s 12 are each amended to 35 read as follows:

(1) Cities that operate transit systems, county transportation
 authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations, public

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transportation benefit areas, high capacity transportation corridor areas, and regional transit authorities may submit an authorizing proposition to the voters and if approved by a majority of persons voting, fix and impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of this chapter, solely for the purpose of providing high capacity transportation service.

7 (2) The tax authorized pursuant to this section is in addition to 8 the tax authorized by RCW 82.14.030 and must be collected from those 9 persons who are taxable by the state pursuant to chapters 82.08 and 10 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the taxing 11 district.

12 (a) Except for the tax imposed under (b) of this subsection by regional transit authorities that include a county with a population 13 of more than ((one million five hundred thousand)) 1,500,000, the 14 maximum rate of such tax must be approved by the voters and may not 15 16 exceed one percent of the selling price (in the case of a sales tax) 17 or value of the article used (in the case of a use tax). The maximum 18 rate of such tax that may be imposed may not exceed nine-tenths of 19 one percent in any county that imposes a tax under RCW 82.14.340, or within a regional transit authority if any county within the 20 21 authority imposes a tax under RCW 82.14.340.

22 (b) The maximum rate of such tax that may be imposed by a 23 regional transit authority that includes a county with a population of more than ((one million five hundred thousand)) 1,500,000 must be 24 25 approved by the voters and may not exceed 1.4 percent. If a regional 26 transit authority imposes the tax authorized under this subsection (2)(b) in excess of 0.9 percent, the authority may not receive any 27 28 state funds provided in an omnibus transportation grant appropriations act except transit coordination grants created in 29 chapter 11, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess. and regional mobility grant 30 31 program funds. To be eligible to receive regional mobility grant program funds, a regional transit authority must have adopted, at a 32 minimum, a zero-fare policy that allows passengers 18 years of age 33 and younger to ride free of charge on all modes provided by the 34 authority by October 1, 2022. 35

36 (3)(a) The exemptions in RCW 82.08.820 and 82.12.820 are for the 37 state portion of the sales and use tax and do not extend to the tax 38 authorized in this section.

1 (b) The exemptions in RCW 82.08.962 and 82.12.962 are for the 2 state and local sales and use taxes and include the tax authorized by 3 this section.

4 (c) The exemptions in RCW 82.14.532 are for the local sales and 5 use taxes and include the tax authorized by this section.

6 Sec. 5. RCW 81.104.175 and 2018 c 81 s 1 are each amended to 7 read as follows:

8 (1) A regional transit authority that includes a county with a 9 population of more than ((one million five hundred thousand)) 10 <u>1,500,000</u> may impose a regular property tax levy in an amount not to 11 exceed ((twenty-five)) <u>25</u> cents per ((thousand dollars)) <u>\$1,000</u> of 12 the assessed value of property in the regional transit authority 13 district in accordance with the terms of this section.

14 (2) Any tax imposed under this section must be used for the 15 purpose of providing high capacity transportation service, as set 16 forth in a proposition that is approved by a majority of the 17 registered voters that vote on the proposition.

(3) Property taxes imposed under this section may be imposed for the period of time required to pay the cost to plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain the transit facilities set forth in the approved proposition. Property taxes pledged to repay bonds may be imposed at the pledged amount until the bonds are retired. After the bonds are retired, property taxes authorized under this section must be:

25 (a) Reduced to the level required to operate and maintain the 26 regional transit authority's transit facilities; or

27 (b) Terminated, unless the taxes have been extended by public 28 vote.

(4) The limitations in RCW 84.52.043 do not apply to the tax authorized in this section.

31 (5) The limitation in RCW 84.55.010 does not apply to the first 32 levy imposed under this section.

(6) If a regional transit authority imposes the tax authorized 33 under subsection (1) of this section, the authority may not receive 34 35 any state grant funds provided in an omnibus transportation appropriations act except transit coordination grants created in 36 chapter 11, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess. and regional mobility grant 37 38 program funds. To be eligible to receive regional mobility grant program funds, a regional transit authority must have adopted, at a 39

1 minimum, a zero-fare policy that allows passengers 18 years of age 2 and younger to ride free of charge on all modes provided by the 3 authority by October 1, 2022.

4 (7) Property taxes imposed under this section may not be imposed 5 on less than a whole parcel.

6 Sec. 6. RCW 47.04.380 and 2022 c 182 s 417 are each amended to 7 read as follows:

8 (1) The legislature finds that many communities across Washington 9 state have not equitably benefited from investments in the active 10 transportation network. The legislature also finds that legacy state 11 transportation facilities designed primarily for vehicle use caused 12 disconnections in safe routes for people who walk, bike, and roll to 13 work and to carry out other daily activities.

14 (2) To address these investment gaps, <u>and to honor the legacy of</u> 15 <u>community advocacy of Sandy Williams</u>, the <u>Sandy Williams</u> connecting 16 communities program is established within the department. The purpose 17 of the program is to improve active transportation connectivity in 18 communities by:

(a) Providing safe, continuous routes for pedestrians,
bicyclists, and other nonvehicle users carrying out their daily
activities;

(b) Mitigating for the health, safety, and access impacts of transportation infrastructure that bisects communities and creates obstacles in the local active transportation network;

25 (c) Investing in greenways providing protected routes for a wide 26 variety of nonvehicular users; and

(d) Facilitating the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve the connectivity and safety of the active transportation network.

30 (3) The department must select projects to propose to the 31 legislature for funding. In selecting projects, the department must 32 consider, at a minimum, the following criteria:

(a) Access to a transit facility, community facility, commercialcenter, or community-identified assets;

35 (b) The use of minority and women-owned businesses and community-36 based organizations in planning, community engagement, design, and 37 construction of the project;

38 (c) Whether the project will serve:

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(i) Overburdened communities as defined in RCW 70A.02.010 to mean a geographic area where vulnerable populations face combined, multiple environmental harms and health impacts, and includes, but is not limited to, highly impacted communities as defined in RCW 19.405.020;

6 (ii) Vulnerable populations as defined in RCW 70A.02.010 to mean 7 population groups that are more likely to be at higher risk for poor health outcomes in response to environmental harms, due to adverse 8 socioeconomic factors, such as unemployment, high housing, and 9 transportation costs relative to income, limited access to nutritious 10 11 food and adequate health care, linguistic isolation, and other factors that negatively affect health outcomes and increase 12 vulnerability to the effects of environmental harms; and sensitivity 13 14 such low birth weight and higher factors, as rates of hospitalization. Vulnerable populations include, but are not limited 15 16 to: Racial or ethnic minorities, low-income populations, populations 17 disproportionately impacted by environmental harms, and populations 18 of workers experiencing environmental harms;

19 (iii) Household incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal 20 poverty level; and

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(iv) People with disabilities;

(d) Environmental health disparities, such as those indicated by the diesel pollution burden portion of the Washington environmental health disparities map developed by the department of health, or other similar indicators;

26 (e) Location on or adjacent to tribal lands or locations 27 providing essential services to tribal members;

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(f) Crash experience involving pedestrians and bicyclists; and

(g) Identified need by the community, for example in the stateactive transportation plan or a regional, county, or community plan.

31 (4) It is the intent of the legislature that the <u>Sandy Williams</u> 32 connecting communities program comply with the requirements of 33 chapter 314, Laws of 2021.

34 (5) The department shall submit a report to the transportation 35 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2022, and each December 36 1st thereafter identifying the selected connecting communities 37 projects for funding by the legislature. The report must also include 38 the status of previously funded projects.

39 (6) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1 Sec. 7. RCW 47.04.390 and 2022 c 182 s 419 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

3 (1) The department shall establish a statewide school-based bicycle education grant program. The grant will support two programs: 4 One for elementary and middle school; and one for junior high and 5 6 high school aged youth to develop the skills and street safety knowledge to be more confident bicyclists for transportation and/or 7 recreation. In development of the grant program, the department is 8 encouraged to consult with the environmental justice council and the 9 10 office of equity.

(2) (a) For the elementary and middle school program, 11 the department shall contract with a nonprofit organization with relevant 12 and experience, including a statewide footprint 13 reach and demonstrable experience deploying bicycling and road safety education 14 15 curriculum via a train the trainer model in schools. The selected 16 nonprofit shall identify partner schools that serve target 17 populations, based on the criteria in subsection (3) of this section. Partner schools shall receive from the nonprofit: In-school bike and 18 19 pedestrian safety education curriculum, materials, equipment guidance and consultation, and physical education teacher trainings. Youth 20 21 grades three through eight are eligible for the program.

(b) Selected school districts shall receive and maintain a fleet of bicycles for the youth in the program. Youth and families participating in the school-base bicycle education grant program shall have an opportunity to receive a bike, lock, helmet, and lights free of cost.

27 (3) For the junior high and high school program, the department 28 shall contract with a nonprofit organization with relevant reach and experience, including a statewide footprint; demonstrable experience 29 developing and managing youth-based programming serving youth of 30 31 color in an after-school and/or community setting; and deploying bicycling and road safety education curriculum via a train the 32 trainer model. The selected nonprofit shall use the equity-based 33 criteria in subsection (4) of this section to identify target 34 populations and partner organizations including, but not limited to, 35 36 schools, community-based organizations, housing authorities, and parks and recreation departments, that work with the eligible 37 populations of youth ages 14 to 18. Partner organizations shall 38 39 receive from the nonprofit: Education curriculum, materials, 40 equipment including, but not limited to, bicycles, helmets, locks,

- 1 <u>and lights</u>, guidance and consultation, and initial instructor/ 2 volunteer training, as well as ongoing support.
- 3 (4) In selecting schools and partner organizations for the 4 school-based bicycle education grant program, the department and 5 nonprofit must consider, at a minimum, the following criteria:
- 6 (a) Population impacted by poverty, as measured by free and 7 reduced lunch population or 200 percent federal poverty level;
- 8 (b) People of color;
- 9 (c) People of Hispanic heritage;
- 10 (d) People with disabilities;

(e) Environmental health disparities, such as those indicated by the diesel pollution burden portion of the Washington environmental health disparities map developed by the department of health, or other similar indicators;

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- (f) Location on or adjacent to an Indian reservation;
- 16 (g) Geographic location throughout the state;
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- 18 (i) Access to a community facility or commercial center; and

(j) Identified need in the state active transportation plan or a regional, county, or community plan.

(h) Crash experience involving pedestrians and bicyclists;

- (5) The department shall submit a report for both programs to the transportation committees of the legislature by December 1, 2022, and each December 1st thereafter identifying the selected programs and school districts for funding by the legislature. The report must also include the status of previously funded programs.
- 26 Sec. 8. RCW 46.68.480 and 2022 c 182 s 430 are each amended to 27 read as follows:
- 28 The Cooper Jones active transportation safety account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from penalties collected under 29 30 RCW 46.63.170 shall be deposited into the account. Expenditures from 31 the account may be used only to fund grant projects or programs for bicycle, pedestrian, and nonmotorist safety improvement administered 32 by the Washington traffic safety commission. By December 1, 2024, and 33 every two years thereafter, the commission shall report to the 34 35 transportation committees of the legislature regarding the activities funded from the account. The account is subject to allotment 36 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW. Moneys in the account may be 37 38 spent only after appropriation.

1 Sec. 9. RCW 43.84.092 and 2022 c 182 s 403 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

3 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state
4 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which
5 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

6 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the 7 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income 8 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no 9 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest 10 11 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of 12 interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require 13 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the 14 amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash 15 16 management improvement act. The office of financial management may 17 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and 18 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the 19 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this 20 21 section.

(3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury 22 23 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to, 24 25 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state 26 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is 27 28 required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur 29 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section. 30

31 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings 32 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall 33 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the 34 treasury income account except:

35 (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their 36 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's 37 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational 38 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the Alaskan Way 39 viaduct replacement project account, the ambulance transport fund, 40 the brownfield redevelopment trust fund account, the budget

1 stabilization account, the capital vessel replacement account, the capitol building construction account, the Central Washington 2 University capital projects account, the charitable, educational, 3 penal and reformatory institutions account, the Chehalis basin 4 account, the Chehalis basin taxable account, the cleanup settlement 5 6 account, the climate active transportation account, the climate transit programs account, the Columbia river basin water supply 7 development account, the Columbia river basin taxable bond water 8 supply development account, the Columbia river basin water supply 9 revenue recovery account, the common school construction fund, the 10 community forest trust account, the connecting Washington account, 11 12 the county arterial preservation account, the county criminal justice assistance account, the deferred compensation administrative account, 13 the deferred compensation principal account, the department of 14 licensing services account, the department of retirement systems 15 16 expense account, the developmental disabilities community services 17 account, the diesel idle reduction account, the drinking water assistance account, the administrative subaccount of the drinking 18 19 water assistance account, the early learning facilities development account, the early learning facilities revolving account, the Eastern 20 21 Washington University capital projects account, the education construction fund, the education legacy trust account, the election 22 account, the electric vehicle account, the energy freedom account, 23 the energy recovery act account, the essential rail assistance 24 25 account, The Evergreen State College capital projects account, the fair start for kids account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the 26 fish, wildlife, and conservation account, the freight mobility 27 28 investment account, the freight mobility multimodal account, the grade crossing protective fund, the public health services account, 29 the state higher education construction account, the higher education 30 31 construction account, the higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund, the highway bond retirement fund, the 32 highway infrastructure account, the highway safety fund, the hospital 33 safety net assessment fund, the Interstate 405 and state route number 34 167 express toll lanes account, the judges' retirement account, the 35 judicial retirement administrative account, the judicial retirement 36 principal account, the limited fish and wildlife account, the local 37 leasehold excise tax account, the local real estate excise tax 38 39 account, the local sales and use tax account, the marine resources stewardship trust account, the medical aid account, the money-40

purchase retirement savings administrative account, the money-1 purchase retirement savings principal account, the motor vehicle 2 fund, the motorcycle safety education account, the move ahead WA 3 account, the move ahead WA flexible account, the multimodal 4 transportation account, the multiuse roadway safety account, the 5 6 municipal criminal justice assistance account, the oyster reserve land account, the pension funding stabilization account, the 7 perpetual surveillance and maintenance account, the pilotage account, 8 the pollution liability insurance agency underground storage tank 9 revolving account, the public employees' retirement system plan 1 10 11 account, the public employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 12 plan 3 account, the public facilities construction loan revolving account, the public health supplemental account, the public works 13 assistance account, the Puget Sound capital construction account, the 14 Puget Sound ferry operations account, the Puget Sound Gateway 15 16 facility account, the Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account, 17 real estate appraiser commission account, the recreational the 18 vehicle account, the regional mobility grant program account, the resource management cost account, the rural arterial trust account, 19 the rural mobility grant program account, the rural Washington loan 20 21 fund, the sexual assault prevention and response account, the site 22 closure account, the skilled nursing facility safety net trust fund, the small city pavement and sidewalk account, the special category C 23 account, the special wildlife account, the state investment board 24 25 expense account, the state investment board commingled trust fund accounts, the state patrol highway account, the state reclamation 26 revolving account, the state route number 520 civil penalties 27 account, the state route number 520 corridor account, the statewide 28 broadband account, the statewide tourism marketing account, the 29 supplemental pension account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, 30 31 the teachers' retirement system plan 1 account, the teachers' 32 retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and control account, the tobacco settlement account, the 33 toll facility bond retirement account, the transportation 2003 34 account (nickel account), the transportation equipment fund, the JUDY 35 36 transportation future funding program account, the transportation improvement board bond improvement account, the transportation 37 retirement account, the transportation infrastructure account, the 38 39 transportation partnership account, the traumatic brain injury 40 account, the University of Washington bond retirement fund, the

1 University of Washington building account, the voluntary cleanup account, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and 2 pension principal fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve 3 officers' administrative fund, the vulnerable roadway user education 4 account, the Washington judicial retirement system account, the 5 6 Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and 7 firefighters' system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public 8 safety employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school 9 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the 10 11 Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State 12 University building account, the Washington State University bond retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration 13 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western 14 15 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated 16 plan implementation account, the Yakima integrated plan 17 implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated 18 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from 19 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the 20 21 scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund 22 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts.

(b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance for the period.

(5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated
 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

32 Sec. 10. RCW 43.84.092 and 2022 c 182 s 404 are each amended to 33 read as follows:

(1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state
 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which
 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

37 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or 38 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the 39 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income

1 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest 2 3 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management 4 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require 5 6 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash 7 management improvement act. The office of financial management may 8 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to 9 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and 10 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the 11 12 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this 13 section.

14 (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury 15 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking 16 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to, 17 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state 18 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is 19 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur 20 21 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this 22 section.

(4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the treasury income account except:

27 The following accounts and funds shall receive their (a) proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's 28 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational 29 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the Alaskan Way 30 31 viaduct replacement project account, the brownfield redevelopment 32 trust fund account, the budget stabilization account, the capital vessel replacement account, the capitol building construction 33 account, the Central Washington University capital projects account, 34 the charitable, educational, penal and reformatory institutions 35 account, the Chehalis basin account, the Chehalis basin taxable 36 account, the cleanup settlement account, the climate active 37 transportation account, the climate transit programs account, the 38 39 Columbia river basin water supply development account, the Columbia 40 river basin taxable bond water supply development account, the

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1 Columbia river basin water supply revenue recovery account, the common school construction fund, the community forest trust account, 2 the connecting Washington account, the county arterial preservation 3 account, the county criminal justice assistance account, the deferred 4 compensation administrative account, the deferred compensation 5 6 principal account, the department of licensing services account, the 7 department of retirement systems expense account, the developmental disabilities community services account, the diesel idle reduction 8 account, the drinking water assistance account, the administrative 9 subaccount of the drinking water assistance account, the early 10 11 learning facilities development account, the early learning facilities revolving account, the Eastern Washington University 12 capital projects account, the education construction fund, the 13 education legacy trust account, the election account, the electric 14 vehicle account, the energy freedom account, the energy recovery act 15 16 account, the essential rail assistance account, The Evergreen State 17 College capital projects account, the fair start for kids account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the fish, wildlife, and conservation 18 19 account, the freight mobility investment account, the freight mobility multimodal account, the grade crossing protective fund, the 20 21 public health services account, the state higher education 22 construction account, the higher education construction account, the 23 higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund, the highway bond retirement fund, the highway infrastructure account, the 24 25 highway safety fund, the hospital safety net assessment fund, the 26 Interstate 405 and state route number 167 express toll lanes account, 27 judges' retirement account, the the judicial retirement 28 administrative account, the judicial retirement principal account, the limited fish and wildlife account, the local leasehold excise tax 29 account, the local real estate excise tax account, the local sales 30 31 and use tax account, the marine resources stewardship trust account, 32 the medical aid account, the money-purchase retirement savings administrative account, the money-purchase retirement savings 33 principal account, the motor vehicle fund, the motorcycle safety 34 education account, the move ahead WA account, the move ahead WA 35 flexible account, the multimodal transportation account, the multiuse 36 roadway safety account, the municipal criminal justice assistance 37 account, the oyster reserve land account, the pension funding 38 39 stabilization account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance 40 account, the pilotage account, the pollution liability insurance

agency underground storage tank revolving account, the public 1 employees' retirement system plan 1 account, the public employees' 2 retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the public 3 facilities construction loan revolving account, the public health 4 supplemental account, the public works assistance account, the Puget 5 6 Sound capital construction account, the Puget Sound ferry operations 7 account, the Puget Sound Gateway facility account, the Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account, the real estate appraiser commission 8 account, the recreational vehicle account, the regional mobility 9 grant program account, the resource management cost account, the 10 11 rural arterial trust account, the rural mobility grant program 12 account, the rural Washington loan fund, the sexual assault prevention and response account, the site closure account, the 13 skilled nursing facility safety net trust fund, the small city 14 pavement and sidewalk account, the special category C account, the 15 16 special wildlife account, the state investment board expense account, 17 the state investment board commingled trust fund accounts, the state 18 patrol highway account, the state reclamation revolving account, the 19 state route number 520 civil penalties account, the state route number 520 corridor account, the statewide broadband account, the 20 statewide tourism marketing account, the supplemental pension 21 account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, the teachers' 22 retirement system plan 1 account, the teachers' retirement system 23 combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and 24 25 control account, the tobacco settlement account, the toll facility 26 bond retirement account, the transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the transportation equipment fund, the <u>JUDY</u> transportation 27 28 future funding program account, the transportation improvement 29 account, the transportation improvement board bond retirement account, the transportation infrastructure account, 30 the 31 transportation partnership account, the traumatic brain injury 32 account, the University of Washington bond retirement fund, the 33 University of Washington building account, the voluntary cleanup account, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and 34 pension principal fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve 35 officers' administrative fund, the vulnerable roadway user education 36 account, the Washington judicial retirement system account, the 37 Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1 38 39 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and 40 firefighters' system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public

1 safety employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the 2 3 Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State University building account, the Washington State University bond 4 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration 5 6 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western 7 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated implementation account, the Yakima 8 plan integrated plan implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated 9 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from 10 11 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal 12 school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund 13 14 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts.

(b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance for the period.

(5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated
 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

24 Sec. 11. RCW 47.04.010 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 10 s 3 are each 25 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

The following words and phrases, wherever used in this title, shall have the meaning as in this section ascribed to them, unless where used the context thereof shall clearly indicate to the contrary or unless otherwise defined in the chapter of which they are a part:

(1) "Alley." A highway within the ordinary meaning of alley not
designated for general travel and primarily used as a means of access
to the rear of residences and business establishments;

33 (2) "Arterial highway." Every highway, as herein defined, or34 portion thereof designated as such by proper authority;

35 (3) "Business district." The territory contiguous to and 36 including a highway, as herein defined, when within any ((six 37 hundred)) 600 feet along such highway there are buildings in use for 38 business or industrial purposes(($_{\tau}$)) including, but not limited to, 39 hotels, banks, or office buildings, railroad stations, and public

1 buildings which occupy at least ((three hundred)) 300 feet of 2 frontage on one side or ((three hundred)) 300 feet collectively on 3 both sides of the highway;

4 (4) "Center line." The line, marked or unmarked parallel to and
5 equidistant from the sides of a two-way traffic roadway of a highway
6 except where otherwise indicated by painted lines or markers;

7 (5) "Center of intersection." The point of intersection of the
8 center lines of the roadways of intersecting highways;

9 (6) "City street." Every highway as herein defined, or part 10 thereof located within the limits of incorporated cities and towns, 11 except alleys;

12 (7) "Combination of vehicles." Every combination of motor vehicle 13 and motor vehicle, motor vehicle and trailer, or motor vehicle and 14 semitrailer;

(8) "Commercial vehicle." Any vehicle the principal use of which is the transportation of commodities, merchandise, produce, freight, animals, or passengers for hire;

(9) "County road." Every highway as herein defined, or part thereof, outside the limits of incorporated cities and towns and which has not been designated as a state highway, or branch thereof;

(10) "Crosswalk." The portion of the roadway between the intersection area and a prolongation or connection of the farthest sidewalk line or in the event there are no sidewalks then between the intersection area and a line ten feet therefrom, except as modified by a marked crosswalk;

(11) "Highway." Every way, lane, road, street, boulevard, and every way or place in the state of Washington open as a matter of right to public vehicular travel both inside and outside the limits of incorporated cities and towns;

30 (12) "Intersection area." (a) The area embraced within the 31 prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, 32 then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two or more 33 highways which join one another at, or approximately at, right 34 angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different 35 highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict;

36 (b) Where a highway includes two roadways ((thirty)) <u>30</u> feet or 37 more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided 38 highway by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate 39 intersection. In the event such intersecting highway also includes 40 two roadways ((thirty)) <u>30</u> feet or more apart, then every crossing of

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1 two roadways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate 2 intersection;

3 (c) The junction of an alley with a street or highway shall not 4 constitute an intersection;

5 (13) "Intersection control area." The intersection area as herein 6 defined, together with such modification of the adjacent roadway area 7 as results from the arc or curb corners and together with any marked 8 or unmarked crosswalks adjacent to the intersection;

9 (14) "Laned highway." A highway the roadway of which is divided 10 into clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic;

(15) "Local authorities." Every county, municipal, or other local public board or body having authority to adopt local police regulations under the Constitution and laws of this state;

14 (16) "Marked crosswalk." Any portion of a roadway distinctly 15 indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the 16 surface thereof;

17 (17) "Metal tire." Every tire, the bearing surface of which in 18 contact with the highway is wholly or partly of metal or other hard, 19 nonresilient material;

20 (18) "Motor truck." Any motor vehicle, as herein defined, 21 designed or used for the transportation of commodities, merchandise, 22 produce, freight, or animals;

23 (19) "Motor vehicle." Every vehicle, as herein defined, which is 24 in itself a self-propelled unit;

(20) "Multiple lane highway." Any highway the roadway of which is of sufficient width to reasonably accommodate two or more separate lanes of vehicular traffic in the same direction, each lane of which shall be not less than the maximum legal vehicle width, and whether or not such lanes are marked;

30 (21) "Operator." Every person who drives or is in actual physical 31 control of a vehicle as herein defined;

32 (22) "Peace officer." Any officer authorized by law to execute 33 criminal process or to make arrests for the violation of the statutes 34 generally or of any particular statute or statutes relative to the 35 highways of this state;

(23) "Pedestrian." Any person afoot or who is using a wheelchair,
 power wheelchair as defined in RCW 46.04.415, or a means of
 conveyance propelled by human power other than a bicycle;

39 (24) "Person." Every natural person, firm, copartnership, 40 corporation, association, or organization;

(25) "Personal wireless service." Any federally licensed personal
 wireless service;

3 (26) "Personal wireless service facilities." Unstaffed facilities 4 that are used for the transmission or reception, or both, of personal 5 wireless services including, but not necessarily limited to, antenna 6 arrays, transmission cables, equipment shelters, and support 7 structures;

8 (27) "Pneumatic tires." Every tire of rubber or other resilient 9 material designed to be inflated with compressed air to support the 10 load thereon;

(28) "Private road or driveway." Every way or place in private ownership and used for travel of vehicles by the owner or those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons;

15 (29) "Railroad." A carrier of persons or property upon vehicles, 16 other than streetcars, operated upon stationary rails, the route of 17 which is principally outside incorporated cities and towns;

18 (30) "Railroad sign or signal." Any sign, signal, or device 19 erected by authority of a public body or official or by a railroad 20 and intended to give notice of the presence of railroad tracks or the 21 approach of a railroad train;

(31) "Residence district." The territory contiguous to and including the highway, as herein defined, not comprising a business district, as herein defined, when the property on such highway for a continuous distance of ((three hundred)) <u>300</u> feet or more on either side thereof is in the main improved with residences or residences and buildings in use for business;

(32) "Roadway." The paved, improved, or proper driving portion ofa highway designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel;

30 (33) "Safety zone." The area or space officially set apart within 31 a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected 32 or is marked or indicated by painted marks, signs, buttons, 33 standards, or otherwise so as to be plainly discernible;

34 (34) "Sidewalk." That property between the curb lines or the 35 lateral lines of a roadway, as herein defined, and the adjacent 36 property, set aside and intended for the use of pedestrians or such 37 portion of private property parallel and in proximity to a highway 38 and dedicated to use by pedestrians; 1 (35) "Solid tire." Every tire of rubber or other resilient 2 material which does not depend upon inflation with compressed air for 3 the support of the load thereon;

4 (36) "State highway." Every highway as herein defined, or part
5 thereof, which has been designated as a state highway, or branch
6 thereof, by legislative enactment;

7 (37) "Streetcar." A vehicle other than a train, as herein 8 defined, for the transporting of persons or property and operated 9 upon stationary rails principally within incorporated cities and 10 towns;

(38) "Structurally deficient." A state bridge that is classified 11 as in poor condition under the state bridge condition rating system 12 and is reported by the state to the national bridge inventory as 13 14 having a deck, superstructure, or substructure rating of four or below. Structurally deficient bridges are characterized 15 by 16 deteriorated conditions of significant bridge elements and 17 potentially reduced load carrying capacity. Bridges deemed structurally deficient typically require significant maintenance and 18 repair to remain in service, and require major rehabilitation or 19 replacement to address the underlying deficiency; 20

(39) "Traffic." Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, streetcars, and other conveyances either singly or together while using any highways for purposes of travel;

(40) "Traffic control signal." Any traffic device, as herein defined, whether manually, electrically, or mechanically operated, by which traffic alternately is directed to stop or proceed or otherwise controlled;

(41) "Traffic devices." All signs, signals, markings, and devices not inconsistent with this title placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic;

32 (42) "Train." A vehicle propelled by steam, electricity, or other 33 motive power with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon 34 stationary rails, except streetcars;

35 (43) "Vehicle." Every device capable of being moved upon a 36 highway and in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be 37 transported or drawn upon a highway, excepting power wheelchairs, as 38 defined in RCW 46.04.415, or devices moved by human or animal power 39 or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks;

(44) "Active transportation" includes forms of pedestrian 1 mobility including walking or running, the use of a mobility 2 assistive device such as a wheelchair, bicycling and cycling 3 irrespective of the number of wheels, and the use of small personal 4 devices such as foot scooters or skateboards. Active transportation 5 6 includes both traditional and electric-assisted bicycles and other devices. Planning for active transportation must consider and address 7 accommodation pursuant to the Americans with disabilities act and the 8 distinct needs of each form of active transportation; 9

10 (45) "Complete streets" means an approach to planning, designing, 11 building, operating, and maintaining streets that enable safe access 12 along and across the street for all people, including pedestrians, 13 bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. 14 It incorporates principles of a safe system approach;

15 <u>(46) "Population center" includes incorporated cities and towns,</u> 16 <u>including their urban growth areas, and census-designated places;</u>

17 (47) "Safe system approach" means an internationally recognized holistic and proactive approach to road safety intended to 18 systematically reduce fatal and serious injury crash potential; as 19 described by the federal highway administration, the approach is 20 based on the following elements: Safe roads, safe speeds, safe 21 vehicles, safe road users, and postcrash care. The safe system 22 23 approach is incorporated through policies and practices of state 24 agencies and local governments with appropriate jurisdiction;

25 (48) "Shared-use path," also known as a "multiuse path," means a facility designed for active transportation use and physically 26 27 separated from motorized vehicular traffic within the highway right-28 of-way or on an exclusive right-of-way with minimal crossflow by motor vehicles. Shared-use paths are primarily used by pedestrians 29 30 and people using bicycles or micromobility devices, including those who use nonmotorized or motorized wheeled mobility or assistive 31 32 devices. With appropriate design considerations, equestrians may also be accommodated by a shared-use path facility. 33

Words and phrases used herein in the past, present, or future tense shall include the past, present, and future tenses; words and phrases used herein in the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine, and neuter genders; and words and phrases used herein in the singular or plural shall include the singular and plural; unless the context thereof shall indicate to the contrary. 1 Sec. 12. RCW 47.66.140 and 2022 c 182 s 422 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

3 (1) The department shall establish a transit support grant 4 program for the purpose of providing financial support to transit 5 agencies for operating and capital expenses only. Public transit 6 agencies must maintain or increase their local sales tax authority on 7 or after January 1, 2022, in order to qualify for the grants.

8 (a) Grants for transit agencies must be prorated based on the 9 amount expended for operations in the most recently published report 10 of "Summary of Public Transportation" published by the department.

11 (b) No transit agency may receive more than 35 percent of these 12 distributions.

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(c) Fuel type may not be a factor in the grant selection process.

14 (2) To be eligible to receive a grant, the transit agency must have adopted, at a minimum, a zero-fare policy that allows passengers 15 16 18 years of age and younger to ride free of charge on all modes 17 provided by the agency. Transit agencies must submit documentation of a zero-fare policy for 18 years of age and under by October 1, 2022, 18 to be eligible for the 2023-2025 biennium. Transit agencies that 19 submit such fare policy documentation following the October 1, 2022, 20 21 deadline shall become eligible for the next biennial distribution. To 22 the extent practicable, transit agencies shall align implementation of youth zero-fare policies with equity and environmental justice 23 principles consistent with recommendations from the environmental 24 25 justice council, and ensure accessibility of the program to all 26 youth.

(3) The department shall, for the purposes of the "Summary of
 Public Transportation" report, require grantees to report the number
 of trips that were taken under this program.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "transit agency" or 30 31 "agency" means a city transit system under RCW 35.58.2721 or chapter 32 35.95A RCW, a county public transportation authority under chapter 36.57 RCW, a metropolitan municipal corporation transit system under 33 chapter 36.56 RCW, a public transportation benefit area under chapter 34 35 36.57A RCW, an unincorporated transportation benefit area under RCW 36 36.57.100, or any special purpose district formed to operate a public 37 transportation system.

38 Sec. 13. RCW 43.392.040 and 2022 c 182 s 429 are each amended to 39 read as follows: 1 (1) Interagency electric vehicle coordinating council 2 responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

3 (a) Development of a statewide transportation electrification
4 strategy to ensure market and infrastructure readiness for all new
5 vehicle sales;

6 (b) Identification of all electric vehicle infrastructure grant-7 related funding to include existing and future opportunities, 8 including state, federal, and other funds, and also nongrant-related 9 funding, including revenues generated by an electric utility from 10 credits under the clean fuels program for transportation 11 electrification programs or projects pursuant to RCW 70A.535.080(2);

12 (c) Coordination of grant funding criteria across agency grant 13 programs to most efficiently distribute state and federal electric 14 vehicle-related funding in a manner that is most beneficial to the 15 state, advances best practices, and recommends additional criteria 16 that could be useful in advancing transportation electrification;

17 (d) Development of a robust public and private outreach plan that 18 includes engaging with:

(i) Community organizers and the environmental justice council to
 develop community-driven programs to address zero emissions
 transportation needs and priorities in overburdened communities; and

(ii) Local governments to explore procurement opportunities and work with local government and community programs to support electrification;

25 (e) Creation of an industry electric vehicle advisory committee; 26 and

(f) Ensuring the statewide transportation electrification strategy, grant distribution, programs, and activities associated with advancing transportation electrification benefit vulnerable and overburdened communities.

31 (2) The council shall provide an annual report to the appropriate 32 committees of the legislature summarizing electric vehicle 33 implementation progress, gaps, and resource needs.

34 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 14. Sections 4 and 5 of this act are remedial 35 in nature and apply retroactively to July 1, 2022.

36 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 15. RCW 47.24.060 is recodified as a section 37 in chapter 47.04 RCW.

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1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 16. Section 9 of this act expires July 1, 2 2024.

3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 17. Section 10 of this act takes effect July 4 1, 2024.

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 18. Sections 2 and 3 of this act take effect 6 September 1, 2023.

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