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By Representatives Clibborn, Lias, Warnick, and Dunshee

1 AN ACT Relating to mitigation matching requirements for state
2 transportation projects; and amending RCW 47.01.300.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.01.300 and 2012 c 62 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The department shall, in cooperation with environmental regulatory
7 authorities:

8 (1) Identify and document environmental resources in the
9 development of the statewide multimodal plan under RCW 47.06.040;

10 (2) Allow for public comment regarding changes to the criteria used
11 for prioritizing projects under chapter 47.05 RCW before final adoption
12 of the changes by the commission;

13 (3) Use an environmental review as part of the project prospectus
14 identifying potential environmental impacts, mitigation, the
15 utilization of the mitigation option available in RCW 90.74.040, and
16 costs during the early project identification and selection phase,
17 submit the prospectus to the relevant environmental regulatory
18 authorities, and maintain a record of comments and proposed revisions
19 received from the authorities;

1 (4) Actively work with the relevant environmental regulatory
2 authorities during the design alternative analysis process and seek
3 written concurrence from the authorities that they agree with the
4 preferred design alternative selected;

5 (5) Develop a uniform methodology, in consultation with relevant
6 environmental regulatory authorities, for submitting plans and
7 specifications detailing project elements that impact environmental
8 resources, and proposed mitigation measures including the mitigation
9 option available in RCW 90.74.040, to the relevant environmental
10 regulatory authorities during the preliminary specifications and
11 engineering phase of project development;

12 (6) Use available technologies to minimize permit delays for,
13 inform and interact with interested parties including relevant
14 environmental regulatory authorities regarding, and optimize the
15 effectiveness of proposed compensatory mitigation projects;

16 (7) Screen construction projects to determine which projects will
17 require complex or multiple permits. The permitting authorities shall
18 develop methods for initiating review of the permit applications for
19 the projects before the final design of the projects;

20 ((+7)) (8) Conduct special prebid meetings for those projects that
21 are environmentally complex; and

22 ((+8)) (9) Review environmental considerations related to
23 particular projects during the preconstruction meeting held with the
24 contractor who is awarded the bid.

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