
HOUSE BILL 2123

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the transportation system policy goal
2 of mobility; and amending RCW 47.04.280.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.04.280 and 2013 c 199 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to establish policy goals
7 for the planning, operation, performance of, and investment in, the
8 state's transportation system. The policy goals established under this
9 section are deemed consistent with the benchmark categories adopted by
10 the state's blue ribbon commission on transportation on November 30,
11 2000. Public investments in transportation should support achievement
12 of these policy goals:

13 (a) Economic vitality: To promote and develop transportation
14 systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people and
15 goods to ensure a prosperous economy;

16 (b) Preservation: To maintain, preserve, and extend the life and
17 utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services;

18 (c) Safety: To provide for and improve the safety and security of
19 transportation customers and the transportation system;

1 (d) Mobility: To improve the predictable movement of goods and
2 people throughout Washington state, including congestion relief and
3 improved freight mobility;

4 (e) Environment: To enhance Washington's quality of life through
5 transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance
6 healthy communities, and protect the environment; and

7 (f) Stewardship: To continuously improve the quality,
8 effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system.

9 (2) The powers, duties, and functions of state transportation
10 agencies must be performed in a manner consistent with the policy goals
11 set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

12 (3) These policy goals are intended to be the basis for
13 establishing detailed and measurable objectives and related performance
14 measures.

15 (4) It is the intent of the legislature that the office of
16 financial management establish objectives and performance measures for
17 the department of transportation and other state agencies with
18 transportation-related responsibilities to ensure transportation system
19 performance at local, regional, and state government levels progresses
20 toward the attainment of the policy goals set forth in subsection (1)
21 of this section. The office of financial management shall submit
22 initial objectives and performance measures to the legislature for its
23 review and shall provide copies of the same to the commission during
24 the 2008 legislative session. The office of financial management shall
25 submit objectives and performance measures to the legislature for its
26 review and shall provide copies of the same to the commission during
27 each regular session of the legislature during an even-numbered year
28 thereafter.

29 (5) A local or regional agency engaging in transportation planning
30 may voluntarily establish objectives and performance measures to
31 demonstrate progress toward the attainment of the policy goals set
32 forth in subsection (1) of this section or any other transportation
33 policy goals established by the local or regional agency. A local or
34 regional agency engaging in transportation planning is encouraged to
35 provide local and regional objectives and performance measures to be
36 included with the objectives and performance measures submitted to the

1 legislature pursuant to subsection (4) of this section.

2 (6) This section does not create a private right of action.

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