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By Senators Wellman and Warnick

1 AN ACT Relating to the interagency, multijurisdictional system
2 improvement team; and reenacting and amending RCW 43.155.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.155.150 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 10 s 11 are each
5 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) An interagency, multijurisdictional system improvement team
7 must identify, implement, and report on system improvements that
8 achieve the designated outcomes, including:

9 (a) Projects that maximize value, minimize overall costs and
10 disturbance to the community, and ensure long-term durability and
11 resilience;

12 (b) Projects that are designed to meet the unique needs of each
13 community, rather than the needs of particular funding programs;

14 (c) Project designs that maximize long-term value by fully
15 considering and responding to anticipated long-term environmental,
16 technological, economic and population changes;

17 (d) The flexibility to innovate, including utilizing natural
18 systems, addressing multiple regulatory drivers, and forming regional
19 partnerships;

20 (e) The ability to plan and collaborate across programs and
21 jurisdictions so that different investments are packaged to be

1 complementary, timely, and responsive to economic and community
2 opportunities;

3 (f) The needed capacity for communities, appropriate to their
4 unique financial, planning, and management capacities, so they can
5 design, finance, and build projects that best meet their long-term
6 needs and minimize costs;

7 (g) Optimal use and leveraging of federal and private
8 infrastructure dollars; and

9 (h) Mechanisms to ensure periodic, system-wide review and ongoing
10 achievement of the designated outcomes.

11 (2) The system improvement team must consist of representatives
12 of state infrastructure programs that provide funding for drinking
13 water, wastewater, and stormwater programs, including but not limited
14 to representatives from the public works board, department of
15 ecology, department of health, and the department of commerce. The
16 system improvement team may invite representatives of other
17 infrastructure programs, such as transportation and energy, as needed
18 in order to achieve efficiency, minimize costs, and maximize value
19 across infrastructure programs. The system improvement team shall
20 also consist of representatives of users of those programs,
21 representatives of infrastructure project builders, and other parties
22 the system improvement team determines would contribute to achieving
23 the desired outcomes, including but not limited to representatives
24 from a state association of cities, a state association of counties,
25 a state association of public utility districts, a state association
26 of water and sewer districts, a state association of general
27 contractors, and a state organization representing building trades.
28 The public works board, a representative from the department of
29 ecology, department of health, and department of commerce shall
30 facilitate the work of the system improvement team.

31 (3) The system improvement team must focus on achieving the
32 designated outcomes within existing program structures and
33 authorities. The system improvement team shall use lean practices to
34 achieve the designated outcomes.

35 (4) The system improvement team shall provide briefings as
36 requested to the public works board on the current state of
37 infrastructure programs to build an understanding of the
38 infrastructure investment program landscape and the interplay of its
39 component parts.

1 (5) If the system improvement team encounters statutory or
2 regulatory barriers to system improvements, the system improvement
3 team must inform the public works board and consult on possible
4 solutions. When achieving the designated outcomes would be best
5 served through changes in program structures or authorities, the
6 system improvement team must report those findings to the public
7 works board.

8 (~~(6) This section expires June 30, 2021.~~)

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