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1 AN ACT Relating to transparency in enacted state capital and
2 transportation budget appropriations and expenditures; amending RCW
3 44.48.150; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The intent of the legislature is to make
6 state capital budget and transportation budget appropriation and
7 expenditure data as transparent and easy to use by the public as is
8 feasible. It is important to provide information to the public on
9 state capital and transportation investments by legislative district
10 and county in a format that is easy to navigate and comprehend.
11 Providing such information contributes to governmental accountability,
12 public participation, agency efficiency, and open government.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 44.48.150 and 2008 c 326 s 2 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (1) By January 1, 2009, in collaboration with the office of
16 financial management, using existing databases and structures currently
17 shared, the office of the legislative evaluation and accountability
18 program committee shall establish and make available to the public a

1 searchable state expenditure information web site. The state
2 expenditure information web site shall provide access to current budget
3 data, access to current accounting data for budgeted expenditures and
4 staff, and access to historical data. At a minimum, the web site will
5 provide access or links to the following information as data are
6 available:

7 (a) State expenditures by fund or account;

8 (b) State expenditures by agency, program, and subprogram;

9 (c) State revenues by major source;

10 (d) State expenditures by object and subobject;

11 (e) State agency workloads, caseloads, and performance measures,
12 and recent performance audits; and

13 (f) State agency budget data by activity.

14 (2) "State agency," as used in this section, includes every state
15 agency, office, board, commission, or institution of the executive,
16 legislative, or judicial branches, including institutions of higher
17 education.

18 (3) The state expenditure information web site shall be updated
19 periodically as subsequent fiscal year data become available, and the
20 prior year expenditure data shall be maintained by the legislative
21 evaluation and accountability program committee as part of its ten-year
22 historical budget data.

23 (4) By January 1, 2014, current and future capital project and
24 transportation project investments must be coded with the geographic
25 information sufficient to permit the public to search and identify
26 appropriation and expenditure data at the parent and subproject level
27 to the extent available by:

28 (a) State legislative district;

29 (b) County; and

30 (c) Agency project identifier.

31 (5) The office of the legislative evaluation and accountability
32 program committee must, within existing resources, update the state
33 expenditure information web site to allow the public to search for
34 capital budget and transportation projects by selecting from an online
35 geographical map. The map must allow an in-depth examination of
36 financial and other data associated with such projects. Data elements
37 must include:

38 (a) Project title;

1 (b) Total appropriation;
2 (c) Project description;
3 (d) Expenditure data; and
4 (e) Administering agency.
5 (6) The web site must be easy to use, contain current and readily
6 available data, and allow for review and analysis by the public. The
7 legislative evaluation and accountability program committee must test
8 the web site with potential users to ensure that it is easy to navigate
9 and comprehend.

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