

1 (4) \$30,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state  
 2 appropriation is provided solely for the marine division assistant  
 3 secretary's designee to the board of pilotage commissioners, who  
 4 serves as the board chair. As the agency chairing the board, the  
 5 department shall direct the board chair, in his or her capacity as  
 6 chair, to require that the report to the governor and chairs of the  
 7 transportation committees required under RCW 88.16.035(1)(f) be filed  
 8 by September 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, and that the report  
 9 include the continuation of policies and procedures necessary to  
 10 increase the diversity of pilots, trainees, and applicants, including  
 11 a diversity action plan. The diversity action plan must articulate a  
 12 comprehensive vision of the board's diversity goals and the steps it  
 13 will take to reach those goals.

14 (5) \$500,000 of the Puget Sound ferry operations account—state  
 15 appropriation is provided solely for operating costs related to  
 16 moving vessels for emergency capital repairs. Funds may only be spent  
 17 after approval by the office of financial management.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 222. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**  
 19 **RAIL—PROGRAM Y—OPERATING**

20	Multimodal Transportation Account—State	
21	Appropriation . . . . .	\$80,146,000
22	Multimodal Transportation Account—Private/Local	
23	Appropriation . . . . .	\$46,000
24	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$80,192,000

25 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
 26 conditions and limitations: \$300,000 of the multimodal transportation  
 27 account—state appropriation is provided solely for a consultant study  
 28 of ultra high-speed ground transportation. "Ultra high-speed" means  
 29 two hundred fifty miles per hour or more. The study must identify the  
 30 costs and benefits of ultra high-speed ground transportation along a  
 31 north-south alignment in Washington state. The study must provide:

32 (1) An update to the high speed ground transportation study  
 33 commissioned pursuant to chapter 231, Laws of 1991 and delivered to  
 34 the governor and legislature on October 15, 1992;

35 (2) An analysis of an ultra high-speed ground transportation  
 36 alignment between Vancouver, British Columbia and Portland, Oregon  
 37 with stations in: Vancouver, British Columbia; Bellingham, Everett,  
 38 Seattle, SeaTac, Tacoma, Olympia, and Vancouver, Washington; and

1 Portland, Oregon, with an option to connect with an east-west  
2 alignment in Washington state and with a similar system in the state  
3 of California;

4 (3) An analysis of the following key elements:

5 (a) Economic feasibility;

6 (b) Forecasted demand;

7 (c) Corridor identification;

8 (d) Land use and economic development and environmental  
9 implications;

10 (e) Compatibility with other regional transportation plans,  
11 including interfaces and impacts on other travel modes such as air  
12 transportation;

13 (f) Technological options for ultra high-speed ground  
14 transportation, both foreign and domestic;

15 (g) Required specifications for speed, safety, access, and  
16 frequency;

17 (h) Identification of existing highway or railroad rights-of-way  
18 that are suitable for ultra high-speed travel, including  
19 identification of additional rights-of-way that may be needed and the  
20 process for acquiring those rights-of-way;

21 (i) Institutional arrangements for carrying out detailed system  
22 planning, construction, and operations; and

23 (j) An analysis of potential financing mechanisms for an ultra  
24 high-speed travel system.

25 The department shall provide a report of its study findings to  
26 the governor and transportation committees of the legislature by  
27 December 15, 2017.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 223. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—**  
29 **LOCAL PROGRAMS—PROGRAM Z—OPERATING**

30 Motor Vehicle Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$10,644,000
31 Motor Vehicle Account—Federal Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,567,000
32 Multiuse Roadway Safety Account—State Appropriation . . . . .	\$132,000
33 TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$13,343,000

34 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
35 conditions and limitations: \$1,100,000 of the motor vehicle account—  
36 state appropriation is provided solely for the department, from  
37 amounts set aside out of statewide fuel taxes distributed to counties  
38 according to RCW 46.68.120(3), to contract with the Washington state