

December 1, 2024

The Honorable Marko Liias,
Chair, Senate Transportation Committee
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The Honorable Jake Fey,
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RE: Section 309 – Appropriation Modifications

Dear Sirs:

Section 309 (20) of Chapter 310, Laws of 2024 (ESHB 2134) authorizes the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to make appropriation modifications to amounts provided solely for a particular purpose within the section subject in order to manage to the savings target included in the appropriated amounts.

To date, WSDOT has taken no action under this section.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at jay.drye@wsdot.wa.gov or (360) 705-7871.

Sincerely,



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Director
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JD:cdm

Enclosure: ESHB 2134 (2024 c 310 s 309(20))

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Jenna Forty, Fiscal Analyst, Senate Transportation Committee
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- (20) The appropriations in this section include savings due to anticipated project underruns; however, it is unknown which projects will provide savings. The legislature intends to provide sufficient flexibility for the department to manage to this savings target. To provide this flexibility, the office of financial management may authorize, through an appropriation modification, reductions in the amounts that are provided solely for a particular purpose within this section subject to the following conditions and limitations:
- (a) The department must confirm that any modification requested under this subsection of amounts provided solely for a specific purpose are not expected to be used for that purpose in this fiscal biennium;
 - (b) Appropriation modifications authorized under this subsection may not result in increased funding for any project beyond the amount provided for that project in the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium in Transportation Document 2024-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed March 6, 2024;
 - (c) Appropriation modifications authorized under this subsection apply only to amounts appropriated in this section from the following accounts: Connecting Washington account—state, and move ahead WA account—state; and
 - (d) The office of financial management must provide notice of appropriation modifications authorized under this subsection within 10 working days to the transportation committees of the legislature. By December 1, 2023, and December 1, 2024, the department must submit a report to the transportation committees of the legislature regarding the actions taken to date under this subsection.