

SB150_L.001

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Transportation & Energy.

SB26-150 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 7, lines 6 and 7, strike "(3)(c) and (3)(d)" and
2 substitute "(3)(c), (3)(d), and (3)(e)".

3 Page 7, strike lines 12 through 27 and substitute:

4 "(c) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL
5 CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY TO CONDUCT A
6 COMPREHENSIVE PARATRANSIT SERVICE STUDY AND SHALL SUBMIT THE
7 STUDY TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING,
8 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION
9 AND ENERGY COMMITTEE. WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF COMPLETING THE
10 STUDY, THE DISTRICT SHALL PRESENT THE STUDY TO A JOINT MEETING OF
11 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL
12 GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND
13 ENERGY COMMITTEE. THE DISTRICT SHALL REQUIRE THAT THE
14 INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY PROVIDE QUARTERLY UPDATES ON
15 THE PROGRESS OF THE STUDY TO THE BOARD. THE STUDY MUST INCLUDE:

16 (I) A NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF THE POPULATION, NEEDS, AND
17 SERVICE GAPS FOR RIDERS IN THE DISTRICT WITH DISABILITIES THAT
18 INCLUDES AN ANALYSIS OF RIDER-LEVEL AND TRIP-LEVEL DATA,
19 INCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF TRIP FREQUENCY, IDENTIFICATION OF
20 HIGH-UTILIZATION RIDERS, CHANGES IN RIDERSHIP PATTERNS FOLLOWING
21 THE JANUARY 1, 2026, FARE AND SUBSIDY CHANGES, IMPACTS OF THOSE
22 CHANGES ON FREQUENT AND HIGH-NEED RIDERS, AND REDUCTION OF
23 ACCESS TO SERVICE DUE TO LOSS SERVICE OR ECONOMIC HARDSHIP FROM
24 FARE CHANGES;

25 (II) A COST-BENEFIT ASSESSMENT WITH LONG-TERM PROJECTIONS
26 BETWEEN COST REDUCTIONS AND SERVICE AVAILABILITY OR ACCESS OF
27 PARATRANSIT SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS FOR ACCESS-A-RIDE AND
28 ACCESS-ON-DEMAND, INCLUDING INTEGRATED, HYBRID, STAND-ALONE,
29 AND ALTERNATIVE SERVICE SCENARIOS, AND INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF
30 CHANGES TO FARE LEVELS, SUBSIDIES, AND SERVICE LIMITS. THE
31 ASSESSMENT MUST INCLUDE PEER AGENCY COMPARISONS AND USE
32 STANDARDIZED COST DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY, ANALYSIS OF COST
33 PER TRIP AND PER RIDER, AND IDENTIFICATION OF KEY COST DRIVERS,
34 SUCH AS DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN FIXED AND VARIABLE COSTS;

35 (III) A DEFINITION OF MEASURABLE PERFORMANCE METRICS
36 RELATED TO ACCESS, RELIABILITY, EQUITY, AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS;".

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