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RE: Section 310 – Allotment Modifications (2023 c 472 s 310(21))

Section 310 (21) of Chapter 472, Laws of 2023 (ESHB 1125) authorizes the Department to make allotment 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, the Department has taken no action under this section.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Drye', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jay Drye, PE
Director
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cc: Erik Hansen, Senior Budget Advisor, Office of Financial Management
Maria Thomas, Budget Advisor, Office of Financial Management
Mark Matteson, Staff Coordinator, Washington State House of Representatives
Kelly Simpson, Senior Staff Coordinator/Counsel, Senate Transportation Committee

- (21) 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 allotment 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) Allotment 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 2023-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed April 21, 2023;
 - (c) Allotment 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 allotment 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.