

An Implementation Plan for the new Pupil Transportation Formula

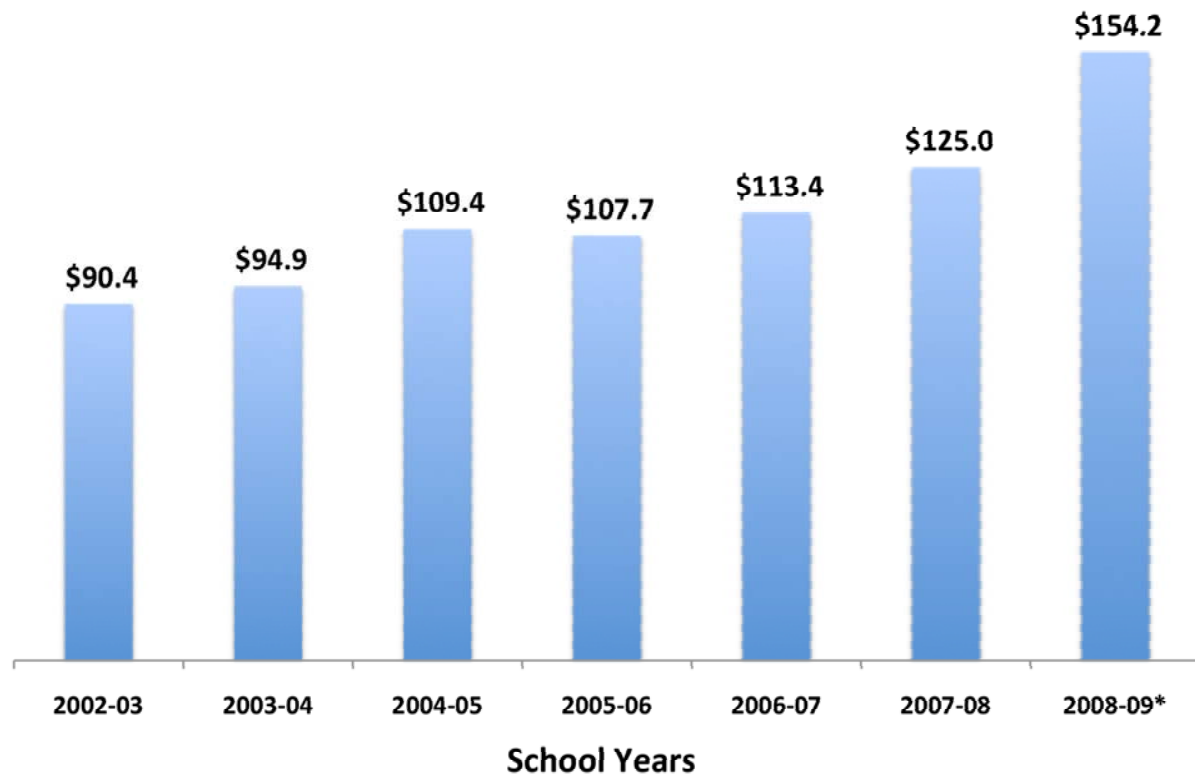
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Overview

- ❖ **Student Transportation Funding
... a system in crisis**
- ❖ **Finding the Solution**
- ❖ **Implementation**

**School Transportation Underfunding in Millions
(Expenditures - Revenues)**



JLARC Report

- ❖ November 2006
- ❖ Data from 2004-05
- ❖ Identified Underfunding:
\$92.6M - \$114.3M

State of Washington
Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC)



K-12 Pupil Transportation Funding Study

Report 06-10

November 29, 2006

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in alternative formats for persons with disabilities.*

2007 Legislature: SSSB 5114

Authorized and funded the development of two options for a new student transportation formula

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5114

60th Legislature
2007 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate March 9, 2007
YEAS 45 NAYS 3

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 9, 2007
YEAS 68 NAYS 30

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5114 as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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Secretary of State
State of Washington

SB 5114 -- OFM Requirements

- ❖ Hire a consultant to develop two funding methods that:
 - Reflect actual costs
 - Provide incentives for efficiency
 - Predictable levels of funding
- ❖ Establish an advisory committee to assist the consultant

Advisory Committee Members

Name	Title	School district/Organization
Jim Baker	Executive Director, Finance	Marysville School district
John Deeder	Superintendent	Evergreen School District
Harvey Erickson	Chief Financial Officer	Bethel School District
Karen Ernest	Superintendent	Mossyrock School District
Allan Jones	Director of Pupil Transportation	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Mike Kenney	Regional Transportation Coordinator	ESD 101
Scott Logan	Transportation Supervisor	Lake Chelan School District / South Kitsap School District
Alta Micone	Transportation Director	Yakima School District
Randy Millhollen	Regional Transportation Coordinator	Puget Sound ESD
Jennifer Priddy/ Melissa Beard	Assistant Superintendent for Financial Resources / Senior Budget Analyst	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Susan Silva	Head Dispatcher	Central Valley School District (Spokane)
Patty Warren	Senior Business Agent	Teamsters Local 174 (Laidlaw contract)

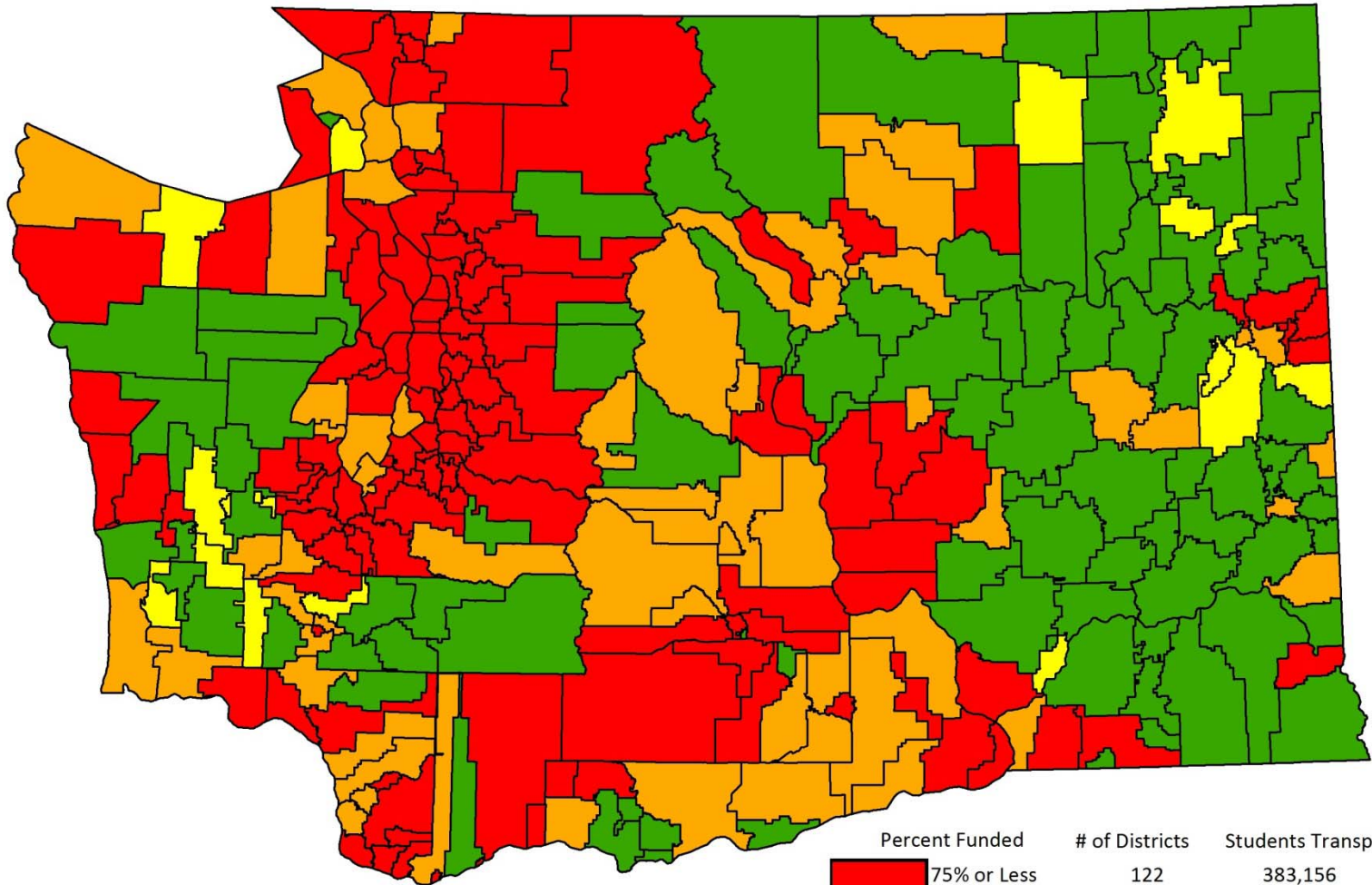
SHB 2261: Transportation Funding





- ❖ **Implemented Expected Cost Model**
a statistical model using regression analysis
- ❖ **Establishes walk areas of 1 road mile**
- ❖ **Provides Hold Harmless and Phase-in Process**
- ❖ **Required QEC to develop an implementation plan**

Report Elements

- ❖ Basic program riders
- ❖ Special program riders
- ❖ Average distance from school bus stop to school
- ❖ Area of school district (sq mi)
- ❖ Number of miles of roadway
- ❖ Number of locations served
- ❖ Number of kindergarten routes
- ❖ Who does non-high transportation?

Pupil Transportation Current Funding Formula 2006-07 School Year

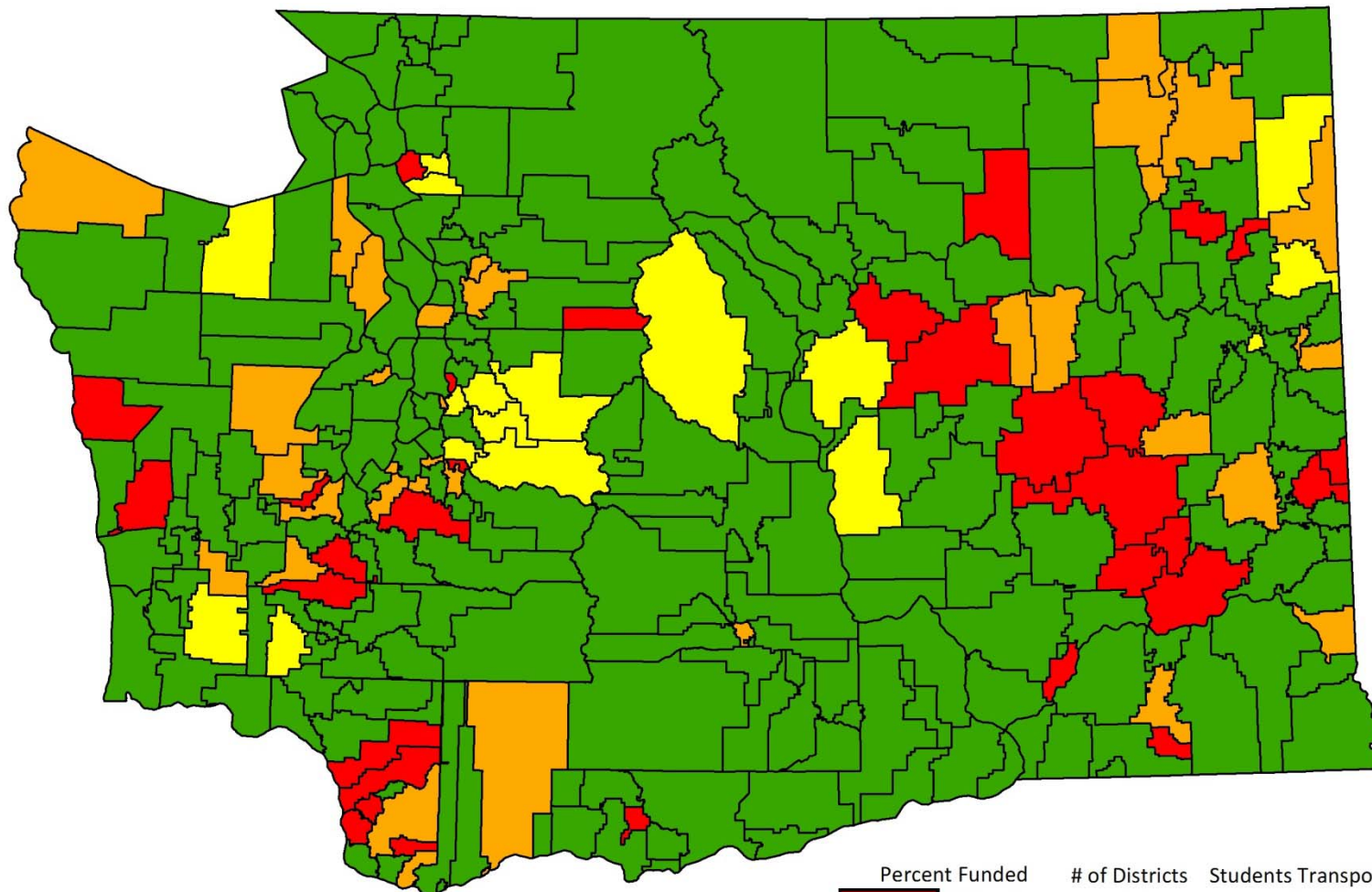






Percent Funded	# of Districts	Students Transported
 75% or Less	122	383,156
 76% - 90%	60	58,943
 91% - 95%	15	8,315
 Over 95%	98	25,727



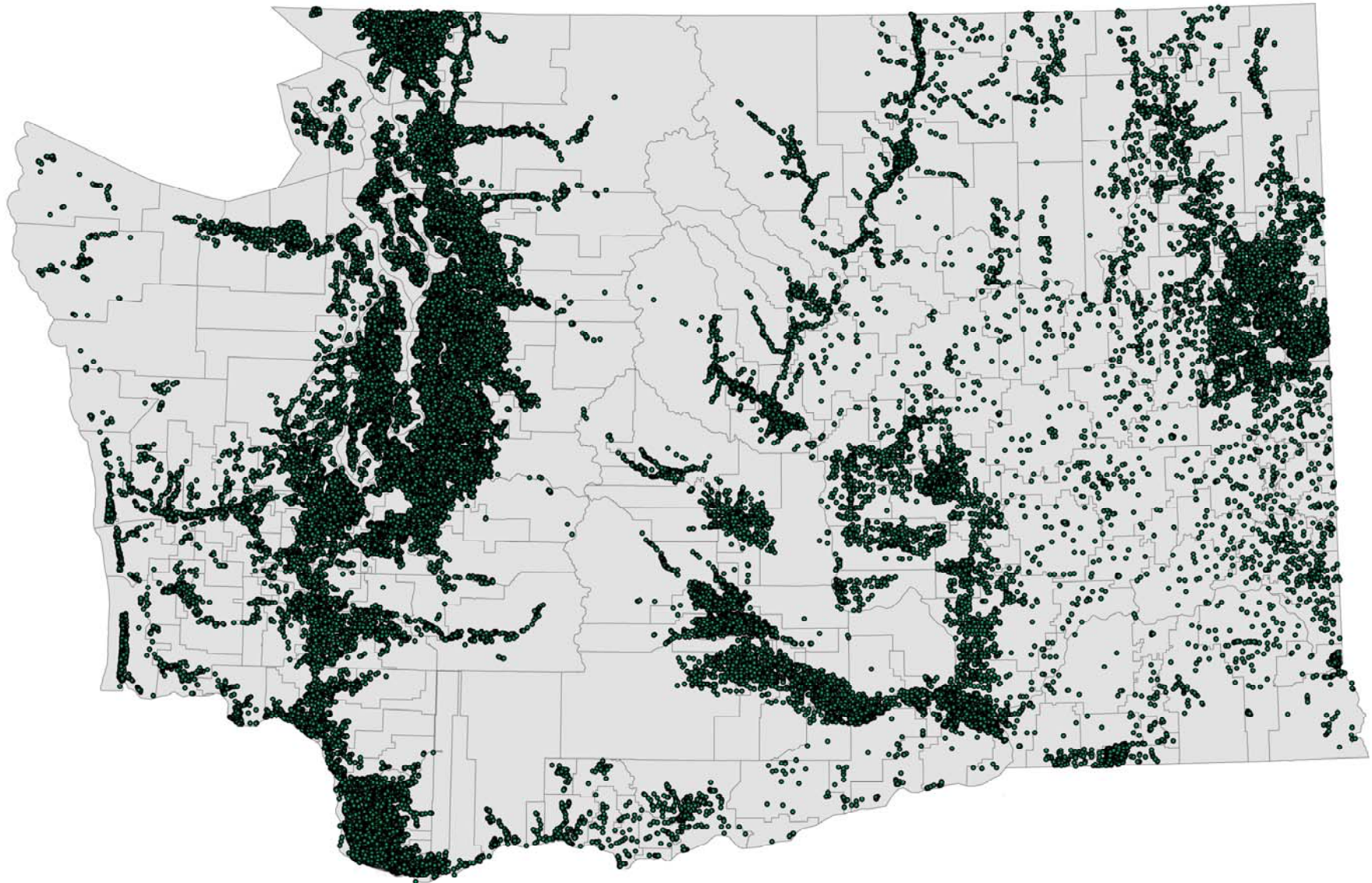
Map Design by
OSPI Pupil Transportation

Pupil Transportation Funding with Expected Cost Model 2006-07 School Year



Percent Funded	# of Districts	Students Transported
 75% or Less	31	24,531
 76% - 90%	35	74,504
 91% - 95%	17	40,606
 Over 95%	211	336,500


School Bus Stop Locations



Proposed Web Reporting Interface

WASHINGTON STATE
OSPI Office of Superintendent
of Public Instruction

School Transportation
Allocation Report System



Welcome to STARS...
School Transportation Allocation Report System

School District Report Page
Enter these data elements and click "Save":

School District: Arbitrary School District #999

Basic Transportation Riders:

Special Transportation Riders:

Number of kindergarten trips per week:

When you are ready to upload your school bus stop information, click "Upload":

Walk Area

School Districts will be required to use a process similar to that described in the School Administrator's Guide to School Walk Routes and Student Pedestrian Safety.

Currently under revision by the Safe Routes to School program at WSDOT



**School Administrator's Guide to
School Walk Routes and
Student Pedestrian Safety**

Hold Harmless and Phase-in Process

- ❖ Districts provided with at least their previous year's allocation
(but not more than previous year's expenditures)
- ❖ Additional allocation above the maintenance level is prorated using the new formula

Implementation Plan (1)

Time Period	Event
January – March 2010	Legislative Session: \$670K in Supplemental
April – June 2010	OSPI develops and posts RFP
July – September 2010	OSPI awards RFP and work begins

Implementation Plan (2)

Time Period	Event
2010 – 2011 School Year	School Districts establish walk areas
March 2011	System development complete
April 2011	Pilot test system

Implementation Plan (3)

Time Period	Event
May 2011	School bus stop data available for review
Sep. – Oct. 2011	Initial report with new system
November 2011	Adjust coefficients and report efficiency ratings

What we need to implement



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Thank you



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