

To: Respected House Rules Committee Chair Jenkins, and Democratic Members Leavitt, Ramel, Timmons, Farivar, Fitzgibbon, Davis, Lekanoff, Morgan, Ortiz-Self, Simmons, Springer, Stearns, Stonier, Thai, and additional respected members of Democratic House leadership;

Thank you to all of you who co-sponsored and are supporting SHB 1837.

Please pull [SHB 1837](#) to the House Floor today.

SHB 1837:

- re-commits Washington to excellent passenger rail
- prioritizes prior goals and plans for achievable service
- phases in projects to meet mobility needs of growing population
- respects State mandates to reduce VMT and GHG emissions
- is popular – over 2200 PRO support signed in
- has bi-partisan support

SHB 1837's 2.5 hr (Seattle-Portland) and 2.75 hr (Seattle-Vancouver, BC) trip time targets were previously established by the Legislature, planned in detail in the Long Range Plan for Amtrak Cascades, shown to be achievable, and agreed to by the host railroad in the 20-year Master Agreement which was allow to expire in June of 2023.

Please recommit to the goals of this vital program for which taxpayers have already invested millions of dollars. Rail can't wait. Our rapidly growing mobility needs and climate challenges can't wait. Rail provides essential resilient transportation and we need it now more than ever.

Please move SHB 1837 to the House floor calendar and support its final passage in the House.

Sincerely,
(your name and Legislative District, if you know it)