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RE: CTANW ISSUES STATEMENT OF NEUTRALITY ON SB5414 (Session 2017-2018)

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(Olympia, WA) Community Transportation Association of the Northwest (CTANW) issued a statement of neutrality on the proposed SB5414.

SUPPORT: CTANW supports efforts to ensure all people throughout Washington are able to access their communities and basic needs via a robust and accessible transportation system. Further, CTANW supports efforts to ensure and solidify access for aging adults and people living with disabilities, including developmental disabilities as proposed in the legislation.

OPPOSE: CTANW notes the language in the bill does not provide for additional funding or resources to expand services, and could have a detrimental impact on current services offered by public, nonprofit and for-profit transportation providers, particularly those in rural Washington.

STATEMENT OF NEUTRALITY: While CTANW fully supports the efforts to enhance accessible transportation services throughout 100% of Washington State's geographic area and views this bill in line with our mission and vision, CTANW must also advocate for funding and resources to support public, nonprofit and for-profit providers, including their employees and communities, that would be required to implement this expansion. <u>CTANW is neutral on SB5414 as it appears in the original bill.</u>

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