

A tale of two revenue packages

As we barrel towards the last weeks of session there is a renewed push to get a large-scale transportation revenue package across the finish line. But time is running out.

House Transportation Chairman Jake Fey (D-Tacoma) held a public hearing on his “Miles Ahead” revenue package Thursday, April 1.

The slimmed down bill spends \$22 billion (lower than his original \$26 billion proposal) over 16 years, including \$582 million on CRAB programs. Representative Fey raises this revenue primarily through a gas tax increase, and cap and invest (cap and trade). The details on these specific revenues are forthcoming.

This bill is good for Counties as it makes long-term investments in critical preservation and maintenance programs we rely on. Commissioners Kate Dean (Jefferson) and Rob Coffman (Lincoln) joined Jane Wall to testify in support of the Miles Ahead package on Thursday.

Looking ahead to next week Senate Chairman Steve Hobbs (D-Lake Stevens) will hold a hearing on his “Forward Washington” proposal, Tuesday, April 6. Details of his proposal will be released at noon on Monday, April 5. [Previous iterations](#) of his proposal funneled \$375 million to cities and counties in direct fuel-tax distributions, as well as \$80 million to CRAB, both over a 16-year period.