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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning transportation benefit districts.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Marr).

Senate Committee on Transportation House Committee on Transportation

Background: A transportation benefit district (TBD) is a quasi-municipal corporation and independent taxing authority that may be established by a county or city for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, providing, and funding transportation improvements within the district. Various revenue options are available to a TBD in order to finance the improvements, most of which are subject to voter approval.

A TBD is governed by the legislative authority of the jurisdiction proposing to create it, or by a governance structure prescribed in an interlocal agreement among multiple jurisdictions. If a TBD includes an area within more than one jurisdiction, the governing body must have at least five members, including at least one elected official from each of the participating jurisdictions. Port districts and transit districts may participate in the establishment of a TBD but may not initiate TBD formation.

Summary: An alternative governance structure is provided for a TBD that includes an area within more than one jurisdiction. A multi-jurisdiction TBD may be governed by the governing body of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) serving the district, but only if the TBD and MPO boundaries are identical.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 49 0

House 55 43 (House amended) House 72 25 (House receded)

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