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SENATE BILL 6547

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By Senator Owen; by request of Transportation Improvement Board

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1            AN ACT Relating to transportation improvement board statute  
2 housekeeping changes; and amending RCW 47.26.121, 47.26.140, and  
3 47.66.030.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.26.121 and 1995 c 269 s 2603 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            (1) There is hereby created a transportation improvement board of  
8 twenty-one members, six of whom shall be county members and six of whom  
9 shall be city members. The remaining members shall be: (a) One  
10 representative appointed by the governor who shall be a state employee  
11 with responsibility for transportation policy, planning, or funding;  
12 (b) two representatives from the department of transportation; (c) two  
13 representatives of public transit systems; (d) a private sector  
14 representative; (e) a member representing the ports; (f) a member  
15 representing nonmotorized transportation; and (g) a member representing  
16 special needs transportation.

17            (2) Of the county members of the board, one shall be a county  
18 engineer or public works director; one shall be the executive director  
19 of the county road administration board; one shall be a county planning

1 director or planning manager; one shall be a county executive,  
2 councilmember, or commissioner from a county with a population of one  
3 hundred twenty-five thousand or more; one shall be a county executive,  
4 councilmember, or commissioner of a county who serves on the board of  
5 a public transit system; and one shall be a county executive,  
6 councilmember, or commissioner from a county with a population of less  
7 than one hundred twenty-five thousand. All county members of the  
8 board, except the executive director of the county road administration  
9 board, shall be appointed. Not more than one county member of the  
10 board shall be from any one county. No more than two of the three  
11 county-elected officials may represent counties located in either the  
12 eastern or western part of the state as divided north and south by the  
13 summit of the Cascade mountains.

14 (3) Of the city members of the board one shall be a chief city  
15 engineer, public works director, or other city employee with  
16 responsibility for public works activities, of a city with a population  
17 of twenty thousand or more; one shall be a chief city engineer, public  
18 works director, or other city employee with responsibility for public  
19 works activities, of a city of less than twenty thousand population;  
20 one shall be a city planning director or planning manager; one shall be  
21 a mayor, commissioner, or city councilmember of a city with a  
22 population of twenty thousand or more; one shall be a mayor,  
23 commissioner, or city councilmember of a city who serves on the board  
24 of a public transit system; and one shall be a mayor, commissioner, or  
25 councilmember of a city of less than twenty thousand population. All  
26 of the city members shall be appointed. Not more than one city member  
27 of the board shall be from any one city. No more than two of the three  
28 city-elected officials may represent cities located in either the  
29 eastern or western part of the state as divided north and south by the  
30 summit of the Cascade mountains.

31 (4) Of the transit members, at least one shall be a general  
32 manager, executive director, or transit director of a public transit  
33 system in an urban area with a population over two hundred thousand and  
34 at least one representative from a rural or small urban transit system  
35 in an area with a population less than two hundred thousand.

36 (5) The private sector member shall be a citizen with business,  
37 management, and transportation related experience and shall be active  
38 in a business community-based transportation organization.

1       ~~((The public member shall have professional experience in~~  
2 ~~transportation or land use planning, a demonstrated interest in~~  
3 ~~transportation issues, and involvement with community groups or grass~~  
4 ~~roots organizations.~~

5       ~~(7))~~ The port member shall be a commissioner or senior staff  
6 person of a public port.

7       ~~((8))~~ (7) The nonmotorized transportation member shall be a  
8 citizen with a demonstrated interest and involvement with a  
9 nonmotorized transportation group.

10       ~~((9))~~ (8) The specialized transportation member shall be a  
11 citizen with a demonstrated interest and involvement with a state-wide  
12 specialized needs transportation group.

13       ~~((10))~~ (9) Appointments of county, city, Washington department of  
14 transportation, transit, port, nonmotorized transportation, special  
15 needs transportation, and private sector(~~(, and public)~~)  
16 representatives shall be made by the secretary of the department of  
17 transportation. Appointees shall be chosen from a list of two persons  
18 for each position nominated by the Washington state association of  
19 counties for county members, the association of Washington cities for  
20 city members, the Washington state transit association for the transit  
21 members, and the Washington public ports association for the port  
22 member. The private sector, (~~public,~~) nonmotorized transportation,  
23 and special needs members shall be sought through classified  
24 advertisements in selected newspapers collectively serving all urban  
25 areas of the state, and other appropriate means. Persons applying for  
26 the private sector, nonmotorized transportation, or special needs  
27 transportation(~~(, or the public)~~) member position must provide a letter  
28 of interest and a resume to the secretary of the department of  
29 transportation. In the case of a vacancy, the appointment shall be  
30 only for the remainder of the unexpired term in which the vacancy has  
31 occurred. A vacancy shall be deemed to have occurred on the board when  
32 any member elected to public office completes that term of office or is  
33 removed therefrom for any reason or when any member employed by a  
34 political subdivision terminates such employment for whatsoever reason  
35 or when a private sector, nonmotorized transportation, or special needs  
36 transportation(~~(, or public)~~) member resigns or is unable or unwilling  
37 to serve.

38       ~~((11))~~ (10) Appointments shall be for terms of four years. Terms  
39 of all appointed members shall expire on June 30th of even-numbered

1 years. The initial term of appointed members may be for less than four  
2 years. No appointed member may serve more than two consecutive four-  
3 year terms.

4 ~~((12))~~ (11) The board shall elect a chair from among its members  
5 for a two-year term.

6 ~~((13))~~ (12) Expenses of the board shall be paid in accordance  
7 with RCW 47.26.140.

8 ~~((14))~~ (13) For purposes of this section, "public transit system"  
9 means a city-owned transit system, county transportation authority,  
10 metropolitan municipal corporation, public transportation benefit area,  
11 or regional transit authority.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.26.140 and 1995 c 269 s 2605 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 The transportation improvement board shall appoint an executive  
15 director, who shall serve at its pleasure and whose salary shall be set  
16 by the board, and may employ additional staff as it deems appropriate.  
17 All costs associated with staff, together with travel expenses in  
18 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, shall be paid from the  
19 urban arterial trust account, small city account, city hardship  
20 assistance account, ~~((transportation fund))~~ central Puget Sound public  
21 transportation account, public transportation systems account, and the  
22 transportation improvement account in the motor vehicle fund as  
23 determined by the biennial appropriation.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.66.030 and 1995 c 269 s 2604 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 (1)(a) The transportation improvement board is authorized and  
27 responsible for the final selection of programs and projects funded  
28 from the central Puget Sound public transportation account; public  
29 transportation systems account; ~~((high—capacity—transportation~~  
30 ~~account;))~~ and the intermodal surface transportation and efficiency act  
31 of 1991, surface transportation program, state-wide competitive.

32 (b) The board may establish subcommittees as well as technical  
33 advisory committees to carry out the mandates of this chapter.

34 (2) Expenses of the board, including administrative expenses for  
35 managing the program, shall be paid in accordance with RCW 47.26.140.

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