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By Senator Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to regional transportation authorities; and
2 amending RCW 81.112.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.112.080 and 1992 c 101 s 8 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 An authority shall have the following powers in addition to the
7 general powers granted by this chapter:

8 (1) To carry out the planning processes set forth in RCW
9 81.104.100;

10 (2) To acquire by purchase, condemnation, gift, or grant and to
11 lease, construct, add to, improve, replace, repair, maintain, operate,
12 and regulate the use of high capacity transportation facilities and
13 properties within authority boundaries including surface, underground,
14 or overhead railways, tramways, busways, buses, bus sets, entrained and
15 linked buses, ferries, or other means of local transportation except
16 taxis, and including escalators, moving sidewalks, personal rapid
17 transit systems or other people-moving systems, passenger terminal and
18 parking facilities and properties, and such other facilities and
19 properties as may be necessary for passenger, vehicular, and vessel

1 access to and from such people-moving systems, terminal and parking
2 facilities and properties, together with all lands, rights of way,
3 property, equipment, and accessories necessary for such high capacity
4 transportation systems. This may include transit services whose
5 primary effect is to reduce traffic congestion levels on transportation
6 facilities within the boundaries of the authority, even if the service
7 primarily serves citizens who reside in counties adjoining the
8 boundaries of the counties within which the authority is contained.
9 When developing specifications for high capacity transportation system
10 operating equipment, an authority shall take into account efforts to
11 establish or sustain a domestic manufacturing capacity for such
12 equipment. The right of eminent domain shall be exercised by an
13 authority in the same manner and by the same procedure as or may be
14 provided by law for cities of the first class, except insofar as such
15 laws may be inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter. Public
16 transportation facilities and properties which are owned by any city,
17 county, county transportation authority, public transportation benefit
18 area, or metropolitan municipal corporation may be acquired or used by
19 an authority only with the consent of the agency owning such
20 facilities. Such agencies are hereby authorized to convey or lease
21 such facilities to an authority or to contract for their joint use on
22 such terms as may be fixed by agreement between the agency and the
23 authority.

24 The facilities and properties of an authority whose vehicles will
25 operate primarily within the rights of way of public streets, roads, or
26 highways, may be acquired, developed, and operated without the corridor
27 and design hearings that are required by RCW 35.58.273 for mass transit
28 facilities operating on a separate right of way;

29 (3) To dispose of any real or personal property acquired in
30 connection with any authority function and that is no longer required
31 for the purposes of the authority, in the same manner as provided for
32 cities of the first class. When an authority determines that a
33 facility or any part thereof that has been acquired from any public
34 agency without compensation is no longer required for authority
35 purposes, but is required by the agency from which it was acquired, the
36 authority shall by resolution transfer it to such agency;

37 (4) To fix rates, tolls, fares, and charges for the use of such
38 facilities and to establish various routes and classes of service.

- 1 Fares or charges may be adjusted or eliminated for any distinguishable
- 2 class of users.

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