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SENATE BILL 6681

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By Senators Roach and McCaslin

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1 AN ACT Relating to regional transit authority governance; and  
2 amending RCW 81.112.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.112.040 and 1994 c 109 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The regional transit authority shall be governed by a board  
7 consisting of representatives (~~appointed by the county executive and~~  
8 ~~confirmed by the council or other legislative authority of each member~~  
9 ~~county. Membership shall be based on population from that portion of~~  
10 ~~each county which lies within the service area. Board members shall be~~  
11 ~~appointed initially on the basis of one for each one hundred forty-five~~  
12 ~~thousand population within the county. Such appointments shall be made~~  
13 ~~following consultation with city and town jurisdictions within the~~  
14 ~~service area)) directly elected by the public. The county legislative  
15 authorities for each county participating in a regional transit  
16 authority shall agree upon districts of equal population, each  
17 including a population of at least one hundred forty-five thousand  
18 persons, and representatives must be elected for each of these regional  
19 transit authority districts for a term of two years at the next general~~

1 election. In addition, the secretary of transportation or the  
2 secretary's designee shall serve as a member of the board and may have  
3 voting status with approval of a majority of the other members of the  
4 board. Only board (~~members, not including alternates or designees,~~)  
5 representatives may cast votes.

6 Each (~~member~~) representative of the board, except the secretary  
7 of transportation or the secretary's designee, (~~shall be:~~

8 (a) ~~An elected official who serves on the legislative authority of~~  
9 ~~a city or as mayor of a city within the boundaries of the authority;~~

10 (b) ~~On the legislative authority of the county, if fifty percent of~~  
11 ~~the population of the legislative official's district is within the~~  
12 ~~authority boundaries; or~~

13 (c) ~~A county executive from a member county within the authority~~  
14 ~~boundaries.~~

15 When making appointments, ~~each county executive shall ensure that~~  
16 ~~representation on the board includes an elected city official~~  
17 ~~representing the largest city in each county and assures proportional~~  
18 ~~representation from other cities, and representation from~~  
19 ~~unincorporated areas of each county within the service area. At least~~  
20 ~~one half of all appointees from each county shall serve on the~~  
21 ~~governing authority of a public transportation system.~~

22 Members appointed from each county shall serve staggered four-year  
23 terms. ~~Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of~~  
24 ~~the unexpired term of the position being vacated.~~

25 The governing board shall be reconstituted, with regard to the  
26 number of representatives from each county, on a population basis,  
27 using the official office of financial management population estimates,  
28 five years after its initial formation and, at minimum, in the year  
29 following each official federal census. ~~The board membership may be~~  
30 ~~reduced, maintained, or expanded to reflect population changes but~~  
31 ~~under no circumstances may the board membership exceed twenty-five)~~  
32 must be a resident of the area that he or she represents.

33 (2) Major decisions of the authority (~~shall~~) require a favorable  
34 vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the voting (~~members~~)  
35 representatives. "Major decisions" include at least the following:  
36 System plan adoption and amendment; system phasing decisions; annual  
37 budget adoption; authorization of annexations; modification of board  
38 composition; and executive director employment.

1           (3) Each (~~member~~) representative of the board is eligible to be  
2 reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and  
3 43.03.060 and to receive compensation as provided in RCW 43.03.250.

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