

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2169**

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REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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Passed by the House February 4, 1994  
Yeas 92 Nays 0

BRIAN EBERSOLE  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate February 26, 1994  
Yeas 46 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD  
**President of the Senate**

Approved March 28, 1994

MIKE LOWRY  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marilyn Showalter, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2169** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

MARILYN SHOWALTER  
**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
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By Representatives R. Fisher and Heavey

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1            AN ACT Relating to regional transit authority board appointments;  
2 and 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 1992 c 101 s 4 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. In addition, the secretary of transportation or the  
15 secretary's designee shall serve as a member of the board and may have  
16 voting status with approval of a majority of the other members of the  
17 board. Only board members, not including alternates or designees, may  
18 cast votes.

1 Each member of the board, except the secretary of transportation or  
2 the secretary's designee, shall be:

3 (a) An elected official who serves on the legislative authority of  
4 ((or as mayor of)) a city or as mayor of a city within the boundaries  
5 of the authority((, or));

6 (b) On the legislative authority of the county ((and)), if fifty  
7 percent of the population of ((whose)) the legislative official's  
8 district is within the authority boundaries; or

9 (c) A county executive from a member county within the authority  
10 boundaries.

11 When making appointments, each county executive shall ensure that  
12 representation on the board includes an elected city official  
13 representing the largest city in each county and assures proportional  
14 representation from other cities, and representation from unincorpor-  
15 rated areas of each county within the service area. At least one-half  
16 of all appointees from each county shall serve on the governing  
17 authority of a public transportation system.

18 Members appointed from each county shall serve staggered four-year  
19 terms. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of  
20 the unexpired term of the position being vacated.

21 The governing board shall be reconstituted, with regard to the  
22 number of representatives from each county, on a population basis,  
23 using the official office of financial management population estimates,  
24 five years after its initial formation and, at minimum, in the year  
25 following each official federal census. The board membership may be  
26 reduced, maintained, or expanded to reflect population changes but  
27 under no circumstances may the board membership exceed twenty-five.

28 (2) Major decisions of the authority shall require a favorable vote  
29 of two-thirds of the entire membership of the voting members. "Major  
30 decisions" include at least the following: System plan adoption and  
31 amendment; system phasing decisions; annual budget adoption;  
32 authorization of annexations; modification of board composition; and  
33 executive director employment.

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

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