

ESHB 2986 - S AMD 229

By Senator Honeyford

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1 On page 6, after line 5, insert the following:

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

5 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the
6 regional transit authority shall be governed by a board consisting of
7 representatives appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the
8 council or other legislative authority of each member county.
9 Membership shall be based on population from that portion of each
10 county which lies within the service area. Board members shall be
11 appointed initially on the basis of one for each one hundred forty-
12 five thousand population within the county. Such appointments shall
13 be made following consultation with city and town jurisdictions within
14 the 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.

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

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

23 (b) On the legislative authority of the county, if fifty percent
24 of the population of the legislative official's district is within the
25 authority boundaries; or

26 (c) A county executive from a member county within the authority
27 boundaries.

1 When making appointments, each county executive shall ensure that
2 representation on the board includes an elected city official
3 representing the largest city in each county and assures proportional
4 representation from other cities, and representation from
5 unincorporated areas of each county within the service area. At least
6 one-half of all appointees from each county shall serve on the
7 governing authority of a public transportation system.

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

11 The governing board shall be reconstituted, with regard to the
12 number of representatives from each county, on a population basis,
13 using the official office of financial management population
14 estimates, five years after its initial formation and, at minimum, in
15 the year following each official federal census. The board membership
16 may be reduced, maintained, or expanded to reflect population changes
17 but under no circumstances may the board membership exceed twenty-
18 five.

19 (2) There is one nonvoting member of the regional transit
20 authority board. The nonvoting member is recommended by the labor
21 organization representing the majority of the public transportation
22 employees within the regional transit authority. The nonvoting member
23 is appointed for a term of four years. The chair or cochair of the
24 board shall exclude the nonvoting member from attending any executive
25 session held for the purpose of discussing negotiations with labor
26 organizations. The chair or cochair may exclude the nonvoting member
27 from attending any other executive session.

28 ~~((2))~~ (3) Major decisions of the authority shall require a
29 favorable vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the voting
30 members. "Major decisions" include at least the following: System
31 plan adoption and amendment; system phasing decisions; annual budget
32 adoption; authorization of annexations; modification of board
33 composition; and executive director employment.

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1 (~~(3)~~) (4) Each member of the board is eligible to be reimbursed
2 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and
3 to receive compensation as provided in RCW 43.03.250."

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9 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "36.57.030," strike "and
10 36.57A.050" and insert "36.57A.050, and 81.112.040"

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EFFECT: Requires a Regional Transit Authority governing board to
have a nonvoting labor representative.

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