

ESSB 5955 - H AMD TO TR COMM AMD (H-5153.1/18) **1379**
By Representative McDonald

1 On page 1, after line 2 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that
3 a regional transit authority receive additional approval from voters
4 if the cost to complete a regional transit system plan approved by
5 voters in 2016 increases beyond fifty-four billion dollars or any
6 additions or subtractions of projects or significant project scope
7 when compared to the system plan are made.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 81.112
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) Once an authority has expended eighty percent of all the
11 funding elements identified in a regional transit system plan adopted
12 by the board of an authority in June 2016, the authority must hire an
13 independent auditor to determine if remaining unspent funding
14 elements are sufficient to complete the system plan as approved by
15 the authority's voters in 2016.

16 (2) If the auditor hired under subsection (1) of this section
17 determines remaining unspent funding elements are insufficient to
18 complete the system plan as approved by the authority's voters in
19 2016, the authority must propose a ballot proposition to be submitted
20 to the voters of the authority. The ballot proposition must seek
21 approval for an authority to expend funds beyond those in the system
22 plan as approved by the authority's voters in 2016. The ballot
23 proposition must receive a majority affirmative vote before an
24 authority may expend funds beyond those identified in the system plan
25 as approved by the authority's voters in 2016.

26 (3) If an authority proposes to make any additions or
27 subtractions of projects or significant project scope when compared
28 to the system plan as approved by the authority's voters in 2016, an
29 authority must propose a ballot proposition to be submitted to the
30 voters of the authority. The ballot proposition must identify changes
31 to the system plan as approved by the authority's voters in 2016, and

1 seek approval of these changes. The ballot proposition must receive a
2 majority affirmative vote before an authority may continue funding
3 additions or subtractions of projects or significant project scope
4 when compared to the system plan as approved by the authority's
5 voters in 2016."

6 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct any
7 internal references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: If the cost to complete a regional transit system plan approved by voters in 2016 increases beyond \$54 billion, or any significant additions or subtractions of projects or scope are made, an RTA must seek approval from RTA voters to expend funds beyond \$54 billion. Once an RTA has expended 80 percent of the \$54 billion, an independent auditor shall determine if the cost to complete will be above \$54 billion, or projects have changed, and thus trigger the need for voter approval to complete the system plan projects.

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