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HOUSE BILL 2066

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By Representative Kretz

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of regional transportation
- 2 planning organizations by large counties; and amending RCW 47.80.020.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.80.020 and 2016 c 27 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
 - The legislature hereby authorizes creation of regional transportation planning organizations within the state. Each regional transportation planning organization shall be formed through the voluntary association of local governments within a county, or within geographically contiguous counties. Each organization shall:
 - (1) Encompass at least one complete county;
- (2) Have a population of at least one hundred thousand, have a population of at least seventy-five thousand and contain a Washington state ferries terminal, ((ex)) contain a minimum of three counties, or have a population of at least forty thousand and cover a geographic area of at least five thousand square miles; and
- 17 (3) Have as members all counties within the region, and at least 18 sixty percent of the cities and towns within the region representing 19 a minimum of seventy-five percent of the cities' and towns' 20 population.

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The state department of transportation must verify that each regional transportation planning organization conforms with the requirements of this section.

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In urbanized areas, the regional transportation planning organization is the same as the metropolitan planning organization designated for federal transportation planning purposes.

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