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By Representative Muri

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1 AN ACT Relating to removing areas from a regional transit
2 authority; adding a new section to chapter 81.112 RCW; and providing
3 an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 81.112
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The county legislative authority of every member county in a
8 regional transit authority may, as often as it deems necessary and
9 upon thirty days prior written notice addressed to the legislative
10 body of each city and county within the regional transit authority
11 and with thirty days public notice, convene a regional transit
12 authority improvement conference to be attended by an elected
13 representative selected by the legislative body of each city, within
14 each such county, and by each county legislative authority. The
15 conference must be for the purpose of evaluating the need for and the
16 desirability of the regional transit authority in its then current
17 configuration. In addition, conferences may be convened by resolution
18 of the legislative bodies of two or more cities within the regional
19 transit authority, not to exceed one in any twelve-month period, or a
20 petition signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters in

1 the last general election within the regional transit authority. The
2 chair of the conference must be elected from the members at large.

3 (2)(a) Any conference that finds it desirable to change the
4 boundaries of any existing regional transit authority must fix a date
5 for a public hearing thereon. The legislative bodies of any two or
6 more component cities or a county legislative body by resolution may
7 require the regional transit authority improvement conference to fix
8 a date for a public hearing thereon.

9 (b) Prior to the convening of the public hearing, a county
10 governing body must delineate the area of the county proposed to be
11 excluded from the regional transit authority, and must furnish a copy
12 of the delineation to each incorporated city and county within the
13 regional transit authority. Each city must advise its county
14 governing body, on a preliminary basis, of its desire to be excluded
15 from the regional transit authority by means of an ordinance adopted
16 by the legislative body of that city. The county governing body must
17 cause the delineations to be revised to reflect the wishes of the
18 incorporated cities. This delineation must be considered by the
19 conference at the public hearing for exclusion from the regional
20 transit authority.

21 (c) Notice of the hearing must be published once a week for at
22 least four consecutive weeks in one or more newspapers of general
23 circulation within the area. The notice must contain a description
24 and map of the boundaries of the proposed exclusion from the regional
25 transit authority and must state the time and place of the hearing
26 and the fact that any changes in the boundaries of the regional
27 transit authority will be considered at such time and place. At the
28 hearing or any continuation thereof, any interested person may appear
29 and be heard on all matters relating to the effect of the exclusion
30 from the regional transit authority.

31 (d) The conference may make changes in the boundaries of the
32 regional transit authority as they deem reasonable and proper, but
33 may not exclude any portion of the regional transit authority that
34 will create an island of included or excluded lands, and may not
35 exclude a portion of any city. If the conference determines that any
36 additional territory should be excluded from the regional transit
37 authority, a second hearing will be held and notice given in the same
38 manner as for the original hearing. The conference may adjourn the
39 hearing on the exclusion of land from the regional transit authority
40 from time to time not exceeding thirty days in all.

1 (e) Following the conclusion of the hearing, the conference must
2 adopt a resolution fixing the new boundaries of the regional transit
3 authority, declaring that the new boundaries of the regional transit
4 authority will be conducive to the welfare and benefit of the persons
5 and property therein.

6 (f) Within thirty days of the adoption of the conference
7 resolution, the county legislative authority of each county wherein
8 the conference has established proposed new boundaries of a regional
9 transit authority may by resolution, upon making a legislative
10 finding that the new boundaries of the regional transit authority
11 excludes portions of the county that could be reasonably expected to
12 benefit from inclusion in the regional transit authority, disapprove
13 the new boundaries of the regional transit authority.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2018.

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