

2 **ESHB 2610** - S COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Transportation

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The legislature  
8 recognizes that existing transportation facilities in the central Puget  
9 Sound area are inadequate to address mobility needs of the area. The  
10 geography of the region, travel demand growth, and public resistance to  
11 new roadways combine to further necessitate the rapid development of  
12 alternative modes of travel.

13 The legislature finds that local governments have been effective in  
14 cooperatively planning a multicounty, high capacity transportation  
15 system. However, a continued multijurisdictional approach to funding,  
16 construction, and operation of a multicounty high capacity  
17 transportation system may impair the successful implementation of such  
18 a system.

19 The legislature finds that a single agency will be more effective  
20 than several local jurisdictions working collectively at planning,  
21 developing, operating, and funding a high capacity transportation  
22 system. The single agency's services must be carefully integrated and  
23 coordinated with public transportation services currently provided. As  
24 the single agency's services are established, any public transportation  
25 services currently provided that are duplicative should be eliminated.  
26 Further, the single agency must coordinate its activities with other  
27 agencies providing local and state roadway services, implementing  
28 comprehensive planning, and implementing transportation demand

1 management programs and assist in developing infrastructure to support  
2 high capacity systems including but not limited to feeder systems, park  
3 and ride facilities, intermodal centers, and related roadway and  
4 operational facilities. Coordination can be best achieved through  
5 common governance, such as integrated governing boards.

6 It is therefore the policy of the state of Washington to empower  
7 counties in the state's most populous region to create a local agency  
8 for planning and implementing a high capacity transportation system  
9 within that region. The authorization for such an agency, except as  
10 specifically provided in this chapter, is not intended to limit the  
11 powers of existing transit agencies."

12 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. DEFINITIONS. Unless the context clearly  
13 requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout  
14 this chapter.

15 (1) "Authority" means a regional transit authority authorized under  
16 this chapter.

17 (2) "Board" means the board of a regional transit authority.

18 (3) "Service area" or "area" means the area included within the  
19 boundaries of a regional transit authority.

20 (4) "System" means a regional transit system authorized under this  
21 chapter and under the jurisdiction of a regional transit authority.

22 (5) "Facilities" means any lands, interest in land, air rights over  
23 lands, and improvements thereto including vessel terminals, and any  
24 equipment, vehicles, vessels, and other components necessary to support  
25 the system."

26 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY. Two or more  
27 contiguous counties each having a population of four hundred thousand  
28 persons or more may establish a regional transit authority to develop

1 and operate a high capacity transportation system as defined in chapter  
2 81.104 RCW.

3 The authority shall be formed in the following manner:

4 (1) The joint regional policy committee created pursuant to RCW  
5 81.104.040 shall adopt a system and financing plan, including the  
6 definition of the service area. This action shall be completed by  
7 September 1, 1992, contingent upon satisfactory completion of the  
8 planning process defined in RCW 81.104.100. In addition to the  
9 requirements of RCW 81.104.100, the plan for the proposed system shall  
10 provide explicitly for a minimum portion of new tax revenues to be  
11 allocated to local transit agencies for interim express services. Upon  
12 adoption the joint regional policy committee shall immediately transmit  
13 the plan to the county legislative authorities within the adopted  
14 service area.

15 (2) The legislative authorities of the counties within the service  
16 area shall decide by resolution whether to participate in the  
17 authority. This action shall be completed within forty-five days  
18 following receipt of the adopted plan.

19 (3) If any of the counties does not opt to participate in the  
20 authority, the joint regional policy committee shall, within forty-five  
21 days, redefine the system and financing plan and resubmit the adopted  
22 redefined plan to the remaining county legislative authorities for  
23 their decision as to whether to participate. This action shall be  
24 completed within forty-five days following receipt of the redefined  
25 plan.

26 (4) Each county that chooses to participate in the authority shall  
27 appoint its board members as set forth in section 4 of this act and  
28 shall submit its list of members to the secretary of the Washington  
29 state department of transportation. These actions must be completed

1 within thirty days following each county's decision to participate in  
2 the authority.

3 (5) The secretary shall call the first meeting of the authority, to  
4 be held within thirty days following receipt of the appointments. At  
5 its first meeting, the authority shall elect officers and provide for  
6 the adoption of rules and other operating procedures.

7 (6) The authority is formally constituted at its first meeting and  
8 the board shall begin taking steps toward implementation of the system  
9 and financing plan adopted by the joint regional policy committee.  
10 Upon formation of the authority, the joint regional policy committee  
11 shall cease to exist. The authority may make minor modifications to  
12 the plan as deemed necessary and shall at a minimum review local  
13 transit agencies' plans to ensure feeder service/high capacity transit  
14 service integration, ensure fare integration, and ensure avoidance of  
15 parallel competitive services.

16 (7) The authority shall place on the ballot within two years of the  
17 authority's formation, a single ballot proposition to ratify formation  
18 of the authority, approve the system and finance plan, and authorize  
19 the imposition of the taxes to support the plan within its service  
20 area. In addition to the system plan requirements contained in RCW  
21 81.104.100(2)(d), the system plan submitted to voters shall contain an  
22 equity element which:

23 (a) Identifies revenues anticipated to be generated by corridor and  
24 by county within the authority's boundaries;

25 (b) Identifies the phasing of construction and operation of high  
26 capacity system facilities, services, and benefits in each corridor.  
27 Phasing decisions should give priority to jurisdictions which have  
28 adopted transit-supportive land use plans; and

1 (c) Identifies the degree to which revenues generated within each  
2 county will benefit the residents of that county, and identifies when  
3 such benefits will accrue.

4 A simple majority of those voting within the boundaries of the  
5 authority is required for approval. If the vote is affirmative, the  
6 authority shall begin implementation of the plan. However, the  
7 authority may not submit any authorizing proposition for voter-approved  
8 taxes prior to July 1, 1993; nor may the authority issue bonds or form  
9 any local improvement district prior to July 1, 1993.

10 (8) If the vote fails, the board may redefine the system and  
11 financing plan, make changes to the authority boundaries, and make  
12 corresponding changes to the composition of the board. If the  
13 composition of the board is changed, the participating counties shall  
14 revise the membership of the board accordingly. The board may then  
15 submit the revised plan to voters. No single system and financing plan  
16 may be submitted to the voters more than twice.

17 If the authority is unable to achieve a positive vote within two  
18 years from the date of the first election on a system plan, the board  
19 may, by resolution, reconstitute the authority as a single-county body.  
20 With a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the voting members,  
21 the board may also dissolve the authority."

22 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** GOVERNANCE. (1) The regional transit  
23 authority shall be governed by a board consisting of representatives  
24 appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the council or other  
25 legislative authority of each member county. Membership shall be based  
26 on population from that portion of each county which lies within the  
27 service area. Board members shall be appointed initially on the basis  
28 of one for each one hundred forty-five thousand population within the  
29 county. Such appointments shall be made following consultation with

1 city and town jurisdictions within the service area. In addition, the  
2 secretary of transportation or the secretary's designee shall serve as  
3 a member of the board and may have voting status with approval of a  
4 majority of the other members of the board.

5 Each member of the board except the secretary of transportation or  
6 the secretary's designee shall be an elected official who serves on the  
7 legislative authority of or as mayor of a city within the boundaries of  
8 the authority, or on the legislative authority of the county and fifty  
9 percent of the population of whose district is within the authority  
10 boundaries. When making appointments, each county executive shall  
11 ensure that representation on the board includes an elected city  
12 official representing the largest city in each county and assures  
13 proportional representation from other cities, and representation from  
14 unincorporated areas of each county within the service area. At least  
15 one-half of all appointees from each county shall serve on the  
16 governing authority of a public transportation system.

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

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

27 (2) Major decisions of the authority shall require a favorable vote  
28 of two-thirds of the entire membership of the voting members. "Major  
29 decisions" include at least the following: System plan adoption and  
30 amendment; system phasing decisions; annual budget adoption;

1 authorization of annexations; modification of board composition; and  
2 executive director employment.

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

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** AREA INCLUDED. (1) At the time of  
7 formation, the area to be included within the boundary of the authority  
8 shall be that area set forth in the system plan adopted by the joint  
9 regional policy committee. Prior to submitting the system and  
10 financing plan to the voters, the authority may make adjustments to the  
11 boundaries as deemed appropriate but must assure that, to the extent  
12 possible, the boundaries: (a) Include the largest-population urban  
13 growth area designated by each county under chapter 36.70A RCW; and (b)  
14 follow election precinct boundaries. If a portion of any city is  
15 determined to be within the service area, the entire city must be  
16 included within the boundaries of the authority.

17 (2) After voters within the authority boundaries have approved the  
18 system and financing plan, elections to add areas contiguous to the  
19 authority boundaries may be called by resolution of the regional  
20 transit authority, after consultation with affected transit agencies  
21 and with the concurrence of the legislative authority of the city or  
22 town if the area is incorporated, or with the concurrence of the county  
23 legislative authority if the area is unincorporated. Only those areas  
24 that would benefit from the services provided by the authority may be  
25 included and services or projects proposed for the area must be  
26 consistent with the regional transportation plan. The election may  
27 include a single ballot proposition providing for annexation to the  
28 authority boundaries and imposition of the taxes at rates already  
29 imposed within the authority boundaries."

1        "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.**  AUTHORITY POWERS.  An authority shall have  
2  the following powers:

3        (1) To establish offices, departments, boards, and commissions that  
4  are necessary to carry out the purposes of the authority, and to  
5  prescribe the functions, powers, and duties thereof.

6        (2) To appoint or provide for the appointment of, and to remove or  
7  to provide for the removal of, all officers and employees of the  
8  authority.

9        (3) To fix the salaries, wages, and other compensation of all  
10 officers and employees of the authority.

11       (4) To employ such engineering, legal, financial, or other  
12 specialized personnel as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of  
13 the authority."

14       "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 7.**  GENERAL POWERS.  In addition to the powers  
15 specifically granted by this chapter an authority shall have all powers  
16 necessary to implement a high capacity transportation system and to  
17 develop revenues for system support.  An authority may contract with  
18 the United States or any agency thereof, any state or agency thereof,  
19 any public transportation benefit area, any county, county  
20 transportation authority, city, metropolitan municipal corporation,  
21 special district, or governmental agency, within or without the state,  
22 and any private person, firm, or corporation for:  (1) The purpose of  
23 receiving gifts or grants or securing loans or advances for preliminary  
24 planning and feasibility studies; (2) the design, construction, or  
25 operation of high capacity transportation system facilities; or (3) the  
26 provision or receipt of services, facilities, or property rights to  
27 provide revenues for the system.  An authority shall have the power to  
28 contract pursuant to RCW 39.33.050.  In addition, an authority may  
29 contract with any governmental agency or with any private person, firm,



1 or corporation for the use by either contracting party of all or any  
2 part of the facilities, structures, lands, interests in lands, air  
3 rights over lands and rights of way of all kinds which are owned,  
4 leased, or held by the other party and for the purpose of planning,  
5 constructing, or operating any facility or performing any service that  
6 the authority may be authorized to operate or perform, on such terms as  
7 may be agreed upon by the contracting parties. Before any contract for  
8 the lease or operation of any authority facilities is let to any  
9 private person, firm, or corporation, a general schedule of rental  
10 rates for equipment with or without operators applicable to all private  
11 certificated carriers shall be publicly posted, and for other  
12 facilities competitive bids shall first be called upon such notice,  
13 bidder qualifications, and bid conditions as the board shall determine.  
14 This shall allow use of negotiated procurements."

15 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** ADDITIONAL POWERS--ACQUISITION OF  
16 FACILITIES. An authority shall have the following powers in addition  
17 to the general powers granted by this chapter:

18 (1) To carry out the planning processes set forth in RCW  
19 81.104.100;

20 (2) To acquire by purchase, condemnation, gift, or grant and to  
21 lease, construct, add to, improve, replace, repair, maintain, operate,  
22 and regulate the use of high capacity transportation facilities and  
23 properties within authority boundaries including surface, underground,  
24 or overhead railways, tramways, busways, buses, bus sets, entrained and  
25 linked buses, ferries, or other means of local transportation except  
26 taxis, and including escalators, moving sidewalks, personal rapid  
27 transit systems or other people-moving systems, passenger terminal and  
28 parking facilities and properties, and such other facilities and  
29 properties as may be necessary for passenger, vehicular, and vessel

1 access to and from such people-moving systems, terminal and parking  
2 facilities and properties, together with all lands, rights of way,  
3 property, equipment, and accessories necessary for such high capacity  
4 transportation systems. When developing specifications for high  
5 capacity transportation system operating equipment, an authority shall  
6 take into account efforts to establish or sustain a domestic  
7 manufacturing capacity for such equipment. The right of eminent domain  
8 shall be exercised by an authority in the same manner and by the same  
9 procedure as or may be provided by law for cities of the first class,  
10 except insofar as such laws may be inconsistent with the provisions of  
11 this chapter. Public transportation facilities and properties which  
12 are owned by any city, county, county transportation authority, public  
13 transportation benefit area, or metropolitan municipal corporation may  
14 be acquired or used by an authority only with the consent of the agency  
15 owning such facilities. Such agencies are hereby authorized to convey  
16 or lease such facilities to an authority or to contract for their joint  
17 use on such terms as may be fixed by agreement between the agency and  
18 the authority.

19 The facilities and properties of an authority whose vehicles will  
20 operate primarily within the rights of way of public streets, roads, or  
21 highways, may be acquired, developed, and operated without the corridor  
22 and design hearings that are required by RCW 35.58.273 for mass transit  
23 facilities operating on a separate right of way;

24 (3) To dispose of any real or personal property acquired in  
25 connection with any authority function and that is no longer required  
26 for the purposes of the authority, in the same manner as provided for  
27 cities of the first class. When an authority determines that a  
28 facility or any part thereof that has been acquired from any public  
29 agency without compensation is no longer required for authority

1 purposes, but is required by the agency from which it was acquired, the  
2 authority shall by resolution transfer it to such agency.

3 (4) To fix rates, tolls, fares, and charges for the use of such  
4 facilities and to establish various routes and classes of service.  
5 Fares or charges may be adjusted or eliminated for any distinguishable  
6 class of users."

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** AGREEMENTS WITH OPERATORS OF HIGH CAPACITY  
8 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. Except in accordance with an agreement made  
9 as provided in this section, upon the date an authority begins high  
10 capacity transportation service, no person or private corporation may  
11 operate a high capacity transportation service within the authority  
12 boundary with the exception of services owned or operated by any  
13 corporation or organization solely for the purposes of the corporation  
14 or organization and for the use of which no fee or fare is charged.

15 The authority and any person or corporation legally operating a  
16 high capacity transportation service wholly within or partly within and  
17 partly without the authority boundary on the date an authority begins  
18 high capacity transportation service may enter into an agreement under  
19 which such person or corporation may continue to operate such service  
20 or any part thereof for such time and upon such terms and conditions as  
21 provided in such agreement. Such agreement shall provide for a  
22 periodic review of the terms and conditions contained therein. Where  
23 any such high capacity transportation service will be required to cease  
24 to operate within the authority boundary, the authority may agree with  
25 the owner of such service to purchase the assets used in providing such  
26 service, or if no agreement can be reached, an authority shall condemn  
27 such assets in the manner and by the same procedure as is or may be  
28 provided by law for the condemnation of other properties for cities of

1 the first class, except insofar as such laws may be inconsistent with  
2 this chapter.

3       Wherever a privately owned public carrier operates wholly or partly  
4 within an authority boundary, the Washington utilities and  
5 transportation commission shall continue to exercise jurisdiction over  
6 such operation as provided by law."

7       "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 10.**   TRANSFER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT POWERS TO  
8 AUTHORITY.   An authority shall have and exercise all rights with  
9 respect to the construction, acquisition, maintenance, operation,  
10 extension, alteration, repair, control and management of high capacity  
11 transportation system facilities that are identified in the system plan  
12 developed pursuant to RCW 81.104.100 that any city, county, county  
13 transportation authority, metropolitan municipal corporation, or public  
14 transportation benefit area within the authority boundary has been  
15 previously empowered to exercise and such powers shall not thereafter  
16 be exercised by such agencies without the consent of the authority.  
17 Nothing in this chapter shall restrict development, construction, or  
18 operation of a personal rapid transit system by a city or county.

19       An authority may adopt, in whole or in part, and may complete,  
20 modify, or terminate any planning, environmental review, or procurement  
21 processes related to the high capacity transportation system that had  
22 been commenced by a joint regional policy committee or a city, county,  
23 county transportation authority, metropolitan municipality, or public  
24 transportation benefit area prior to the formation of the authority."

25       "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 11.**   ACQUISITION OF EXISTING SYSTEM.   If an  
26 authority acquires any existing components of a high capacity  
27 transportation system, it shall assume and observe all existing labor  
28 contracts relating to the transportation system and, to the extent

1 necessary for operation of facilities, all of the employees of such  
2 acquired transportation system whose duties are necessary to operate  
3 efficiently the facilities acquired shall be appointed to comparable  
4 positions to those which they held at the time of such transfer, and no  
5 employee or retired or pensioned employee of such transportation  
6 systems shall be placed in any worse position with respect to pension  
7 seniority, wages, sick leave, vacation or other benefits that he or she  
8 enjoyed as an employee of the transportation system prior to such  
9 acquisition. At such times as may be required by such contracts, the  
10 authority shall engage in collective bargaining with the duly appointed  
11 representatives of any employee labor organization having existing  
12 contracts with the acquired transportation system and may enter into  
13 labor contracts with such employee labor organization. Facilities and  
14 equipment which are acquired after July 1, 1993, related to high  
15 capacity transportation services which are to be assumed by the  
16 authority as specifically identified in the adopted system plan shall  
17 be acquired by the authority in a manner consistent with sections 7  
18 through 10 of this act."

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** AUTHORITY FINANCES. The board of an  
20 authority, by resolution, shall designate a person having experience in  
21 financial or fiscal matters as treasurer of the authority. The board  
22 may designate, with the concurrence of the treasurer, the treasurer of  
23 a county within which the authority is located. Such a treasurer shall  
24 possess all of the powers, responsibilities, and duties the county  
25 treasurer possesses for a public transportation benefit area authority  
26 related to investing surplus authority funds. The board shall require  
27 a bond with a surety company authorized to do business in the state of  
28 Washington in an amount and under the terms and conditions the board,  
29 by resolution, from time to time finds will protect the authority

1 against loss. The premium on any such bond shall be paid by the  
2 authority.

3 All authority funds shall be paid to the treasurer and shall be  
4 disbursed by the treasurer only on warrants issued by the authority  
5 upon orders or vouchers approved by the board.

6 The treasurer shall establish a special fund, into which shall be  
7 paid all authority funds, and the treasurer shall maintain such special  
8 accounts as may be created by the authority into which shall be placed  
9 all money as the board may, by resolution, direct.

10 If the treasurer of the authority is the treasurer of a county, all  
11 authority funds shall be deposited with the county depository under the  
12 same restrictions, contracts, and security as provided for county  
13 depositories. If the treasurer of the authority is some other person,  
14 all funds shall be deposited in such bank or banks authorized to do  
15 business in this state that have qualified for insured deposits under  
16 any federal deposit insurance act as the board, by resolution, shall  
17 designate.

18 The authority may by resolution designate a person having  
19 experience in financial or fiscal matters, as the auditor of the  
20 authority. Such auditor shall possess all of the powers,  
21 responsibilities, and duties related to creating and maintaining funds,  
22 issuing warrants, and maintaining a record of receipts and  
23 disbursements.

24 The board may provide and require a reasonable bond of any other  
25 person handling moneys or securities of the authority, but the  
26 authority shall pay the premium on the bond."

27 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** BONDING. Notwithstanding RCW  
28 39.36.020(1), an authority may at any time contract indebtedness or  
29 borrow money for authority purposes and may issue general obligation

1 bonds in an amount not exceeding, together with any existing  
2 indebtedness of the authority not authorized by the voters, one and  
3 one-half percent of the value of the taxable property within the  
4 boundaries of the authority; and with the assent of three-fifths of the  
5 voters therein voting at an election called for that purpose, may  
6 contract indebtedness or borrow money for authority purposes and may  
7 issue general obligation bonds therefor, provided the total  
8 indebtedness of the authority shall not exceed five percent of the  
9 value of the taxable property therein. Such bonds shall be issued and  
10 sold in accordance with chapter 39.46 RCW.

11 The term "value of the taxable property" shall have the meaning set  
12 forth in RCW 39.36.015."

13 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** REVENUE BONDS. (1) An authority may  
14 issue revenue bonds to provide funds to carry out its authorized  
15 functions without submitting the matter to the voters of the authority.  
16 The authority shall create a special fund or funds for the sole purpose  
17 of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds of each such  
18 issue, into which fund or funds the authority may obligate itself to  
19 pay such amounts of the gross revenue of the high capacity  
20 transportation system constructed, acquired, improved, added to, or  
21 repaired out of the proceeds of sale of such bonds, as the authority  
22 shall determine and may obligate the authority to pay such amounts out  
23 of otherwise unpledged revenue that may be derived from the ownership,  
24 use, or operation of properties or facilities owned, used, or operated  
25 incident to the performance of the authorized function for which such  
26 bonds are issued or out of otherwise unpledged fees, tolls, charges,  
27 tariffs, fares, rentals, special taxes, or other sources of payment  
28 lawfully authorized for such purpose, as the authority shall determine.  
29 The principal of, and interest on, such bonds shall be payable only out

1 of such special fund or funds, and the owners of such bonds shall have  
2 a lien and charge against the gross revenue of such high capacity  
3 transportation system or any other revenue, fees, tolls, charges,  
4 tariffs, fares, special taxes, or other authorized sources pledged to  
5 the payment of such bonds.

6 Such revenue bonds and the interest thereon issued against such  
7 fund or funds shall be a valid claim of the owners thereof only as  
8 against such fund or funds and the revenue pledged therefor, and shall  
9 not constitute a general indebtedness of the authority.

10 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, such bonds may  
11 be issued and sold in accordance with chapter 39.46 RCW."

12 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AUTHORIZED.

13 (1) An authority may form a local improvement district to provide any  
14 transportation improvement it has the authority to provide, impose  
15 special assessments on all property specially benefited by the  
16 transportation improvements, and issue special assessment bonds or  
17 revenue bonds to fund the costs of the transportation improvement.  
18 Local improvement districts shall be created and assessments shall be  
19 made and collected pursuant to chapters 35.43, 35.44, 35.49, 35.50,  
20 35.51, 35.53, and 35.54 RCW.

21 (2) The board shall by resolution establish for each special  
22 assessment bond issue the amount, date, terms, conditions,  
23 denominations, maximum fixed or variable interest rate or rates,  
24 maturity or maturities, redemption rights, registration privileges, if  
25 any, covenants, and form, including registration as to principal and  
26 interest, registration as to principal only, or bearer. Registration  
27 may include, but not be limited to: (a) A book entry system of  
28 recording the ownership of a bond whether or not physical bonds are  
29 issued; or (b) recording the ownership of a bond together with the



1 requirement that the transfer of ownership may only be effected by the  
2 surrender of the old bond and either the reissuance of the old bond or  
3 the issuance of a new bond to the new owner. Facsimile signatures may  
4 be used on the bonds and any coupons. The maximum term of any special  
5 assessment bonds shall not exceed thirty years beyond the date of  
6 issue. Special assessment bonds issued pursuant to this section shall  
7 not be an indebtedness of the authority issuing the bonds, and the  
8 interest and principal on the bonds shall only be payable from special  
9 assessments made for the improvement for which the bonds were issued  
10 and any local improvement guaranty fund that the authority has created.  
11 The owner or bearer of a special assessment bond or any interest coupon  
12 issued pursuant to this section shall not have any claim against the  
13 authority arising from the bond or coupon except for the payment from  
14 special assessments made for the improvement for which the bonds were  
15 issued and any local improvement guaranty fund the authority has  
16 created. The authority issuing the special assessment bonds is not  
17 liable to the owner or bearer of any special assessment bond or any  
18 interest coupon issued pursuant to this section for any loss occurring  
19 in the lawful operation of its local improvement guaranty fund. The  
20 substance of the limitations included in this subsection shall be  
21 plainly printed, written, or engraved on each special assessment bond  
22 issued pursuant to this section.

23 (3) Assessments shall reflect any credits given by the authority  
24 for real property or property right donations made pursuant to RCW  
25 47.14.030.

26 (4) The board may establish and pay moneys into a local improvement  
27 guaranty fund to guarantee special assessment bonds issued by the  
28 authority."

1        "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 16.**  BONDING LIMITS.  Prior to the issuance of  
2 any bonds by the authority pursuant to this chapter, the authority  
3 shall obtain the approval of sixty percent of those voting in an  
4 election called for the purpose of approving the issuance of such  
5 bonds.  Such election may not be called sooner than one year after the  
6 approval of the system and finance plan by voters pursuant to section  
7 3 of this act."

8        "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 17.**  COUNTY ASSESSOR'S DUTIES.  It shall be the  
9 duty of the assessor of each component county to certify annually to a  
10 regional transit authority the aggregate assessed valuation of all  
11 taxable property within the boundaries of the authority as the same  
12 appears from the last assessment roll of the county."

13        "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 18.**  INTERIM FINANCING.  A regional transit  
14 authority may apply for high capacity transportation account funds and  
15 for central Puget Sound account funds for high capacity transit  
16 planning and system development.

17        Transit agencies contained wholly or partly within a regional  
18 transit authority may make grants or loans to the authority for high  
19 capacity transportation planning and system development."

20        "**Sec. 19.**  RCW 81.104.010 and 1991 c 318 s 1 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22        Increasing congestion on Washington's roadways calls for  
23 identification and implementation of high capacity transportation  
24 system alternatives.  (~~("High capacity transportation system" means a~~  
25 ~~system of public transportation services within an urbanized region~~  
26 ~~operating principally on exclusive rights of way, and the supporting~~  
27 ~~services and facilities necessary to implement such a system, including~~

1 ~~high occupancy vehicle lanes, which taken as a whole, provides a~~  
2 ~~substantially higher level of passenger capacity, speed, and service~~  
3 ~~frequency than traditional public transportation systems operating~~  
4 ~~principally in general purpose roadways.))~~ The legislature believes  
5 that local jurisdictions should coordinate and be responsible for high  
6 capacity transportation policy development, program planning, and  
7 implementation. The state should assist by working with local agencies  
8 on issues involving rights of way, partially financing projects meeting  
9 established state criteria including development and completion of the  
10 high occupancy vehicle lane system, authorizing local jurisdictions to  
11 finance high capacity transportation systems through voter-approved tax  
12 options, and providing technical assistance and information."

13 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. A new section is added to chapter 81.104  
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
16 this section apply throughout this chapter.

17 (1) "High capacity transportation system" means a system of public  
18 transportation services within an urbanized region operating  
19 principally on exclusive rights of way, and the supporting services and  
20 facilities necessary to implement such a system, including interim  
21 express services and high occupancy vehicle lanes, which taken as a  
22 whole, provides a substantially higher level of passenger capacity,  
23 speed, and service frequency than traditional public transportation  
24 systems operating principally in general purpose roadways.

25 (2) "Regional transit system" means a high capacity transportation  
26 system under the jurisdiction of one or more transit agencies except  
27 where a regional transit authority created under chapter 81.--- RCW  
28 (sections 1 through 18 of this act) exists, in which case "regional

1 transit system" means the high capacity transportation system under the  
2 jurisdiction of a regional transit authority.

3 (3) "Transit agency" means city-owned transit systems, county  
4 transportation authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations, and  
5 public transportation benefit areas."

6 "Sec. 21. RCW 81.104.030 and 1991 c 318 s 3 and 1991 c 309 s 2 are  
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) In any county with a population of from two hundred ten  
9 thousand to less than one million that is not bordered by a county with  
10 a population of one million or more, and in each county with a  
11 population of less than two hundred ten thousand, (~~city-owned transit~~  
12 ~~systems, county transportation authorities, metropolitan municipal~~  
13 ~~corporations, and public transportation benefit areas~~) transit  
14 agencies may elect to establish high capacity transportation service.  
15 Such agencies shall form a regional policy committee with proportional  
16 representation based upon population distribution within the designated  
17 service area and a representative of the department of transportation,  
18 or such agencies may use the designated metropolitan planning  
19 organization as the regional policy committee.

20 (~~City-owned transit systems, county transportation authorities,~~  
21 ~~metropolitan municipal corporations, and public transportation benefit~~  
22 ~~areas~~) Transit agencies participating in joint regional policy  
23 committees shall seek voter approval within their own service  
24 boundaries of a high capacity transportation system plan and financing  
25 plan.

26 (2) (~~City-owned transit systems, county transportation~~  
27 ~~authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations, and public~~  
28 ~~transportation benefit areas~~) Transit agencies in counties adjoining  
29 state or international boundaries are authorized to participate in the

1 regional high capacity transportation programs of an adjoining state or  
2 Canadian province."

3 "Sec. 22. RCW 81.104.040 and 1991 c 318 s 4 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 ((~~1~~)) Transit agencies in each county with a population of one  
6 million or more, and in each county with a population of from two  
7 hundred ten thousand to less than one million bordering a county with  
8 a population of one million or more that are ((~~currently~~)) authorized  
9 on January 1, 1991, to provide high capacity transportation planning  
10 and operating services((~~, including but not limited to city-owned~~  
11 ~~transit systems, county transportation authorities, metropolitan~~  
12 ~~municipal corporations, and public transportation benefit areas,~~)) must  
13 establish through interlocal agreements a joint regional policy  
14 committee with proportional representation based upon the population  
15 distribution within each agency's designated service area, as  
16 determined by the parties to the agreement.

17 ((~~a~~)) (1) The membership of the joint regional policy committee  
18 shall consist of locally elected officials who serve on the legislative  
19 authority of the existing transit systems and a representative from the  
20 department of transportation. Nonvoting membership for elected  
21 officials from adjoining counties may be allowed at the committee's  
22 discretion.

23 ((~~b~~)) (2) The joint regional policy committee shall be  
24 responsible for the preparation and adoption of a regional high  
25 capacity transportation implementation program, which shall include the  
26 system plan, project plans, and a financing plan. This program shall  
27 be in conformance with the regional transportation planning  
28 organization's regional transportation plan and consistent with RCW  
29 81.104.080.

1       ~~((e))~~ (3) The joint regional policy committee shall present ((a))  
2 an adopted high capacity transportation system plan and financing plan  
3 to the boards of directors of the transit agencies within the service  
4 area ~~((for adoption.~~

5       ~~(d) Transit agencies shall present the adopted high capacity~~  
6 ~~transportation system plan and financing plan for voter approval within~~  
7 ~~four years of the execution of the interlocal agreements. A simple~~  
8 ~~majority vote is required for approval of the high capacity~~  
9 ~~transportation system plan and financing plan in any service district~~  
10 ~~within each county. The implementation program may proceed in any~~  
11 ~~service area approving the system and financing plans.~~

12       ~~(2) High capacity transportation planning, construction,~~  
13 ~~operations, and funding shall be governed through the interlocal~~  
14 ~~agreement process, including but not limited to provision for a cost~~  
15 ~~allocation and distribution formula, service corridors, station area~~  
16 ~~locations, right of way transfers, and feeder transportation systems.~~  
17 ~~The interlocal agreement shall include a mechanism for resolving~~  
18 ~~conflicts among parties to the agreement)) or to the regional transit~~  
19 ~~authority, if such authority has been formed. The authority shall~~  
20 ~~proceed as prescribed in section 3 of this act.~~

21       "**Sec. 23.** RCW 81.104.050 and 1991 c 318 s 5 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23       Regional high capacity transportation service ~~((boundaries))~~ may be  
24 expanded beyond the established ~~((service))~~ district boundaries through  
25 interlocal agreements among the transit agencies and ~~((the local~~  
26 ~~jurisdictions within which such expanded service is proposed)) any~~  
27 regional transit authorities in existence."

1       **"Sec. 24.** RCW 81.104.100 and 1991 sp.s. c 15 s 68 are each amended  
2 to read as follows:

3 To assure development of an effective high capacity transportation  
4 system, local authorities shall follow the following planning process:

5       (1) Regional, multimodal transportation planning is the ongoing  
6 urban transportation planning process conducted in each urbanized area  
7 by its regional transportation planning organization. During this  
8 process, regional transportation goals are identified, travel patterns  
9 are analyzed, and future land use and travel are projected. The  
10 process provides a comprehensive view of the region's transportation  
11 needs but does not select specified modes to serve those needs. The  
12 process shall identify a priority corridor or corridors for further  
13 study of high capacity transportation facilities if it is deemed  
14 feasible by local officials.

15       (2) High capacity transportation system planning is the detailed  
16 evaluation of a range of high capacity transportation system options,  
17 including: Do nothing, low capital, and ranges of higher capital  
18 facilities. To the extent possible this evaluation shall take into  
19 account the urban mass transportation administration's requirements  
20 identified in subsection (3) of this section.

21       High capacity transportation system planning shall proceed as  
22 follows:

23       (a) Organization and management. The responsible local transit  
24 agency or agencies shall define roles for various local agencies,  
25 review background information, provide for public involvement, and  
26 develop a detailed work plan for the system planning process.

27       (b) Development of options. Options to be studied shall be  
28 developed to ensure an appropriate range of technologies and service  
29 policies can be evaluated. A do-nothing option and a low capital  
30 option that maximizes the current system shall be developed. Several

1 higher capital options that consider a range of capital expenditures  
2 for several candidate technologies shall be developed.

3 (c) Analysis methods. The local transit agency shall develop  
4 reports describing the analysis and assumptions for the estimation of  
5 capital costs, operating and maintenance costs, methods for travel  
6 forecasting, a financial plan and an evaluation methodology.

7 (d) The system plan submitted to the voters pursuant to RCW  
8 81.104.140 shall address, but is not limited to the following issues:

9 (i) Identification of level and types of high capacity  
10 transportation services to be provided;

11 (ii) A plan of high occupancy vehicle lanes to be constructed;

12 (iii) Identification of route alignments and station locations with  
13 sufficient specificity to permit calculation of costs, ridership, and  
14 system impacts;

15 (iv) Performance characteristics of technologies in the system  
16 plan;

17 (v) Patronage forecasts;

18 (vi) A financing plan describing: Phasing of investments; capital  
19 and operating costs and expected revenues; cost-effectiveness  
20 represented by a total cost per system rider and new rider estimate;  
21 estimated ridership and the cost of service for each individual high  
22 capacity line (~~{lane}~~); and identification of the operating revenue  
23 to operating expense ratio.

24 The financing plan shall specifically differentiate the proposed  
25 use of funds between high capacity transportation facilities and  
26 services, and high occupancy vehicle facilities(~~(, and expanded~~  
27 ~~local/feeder service)~~);

28 (vii) Description of the relationship between the high capacity  
29 transportation system plan and adopted land use plans;



1 (viii) An assessment of social, economic, and environmental  
2 impacts; and

3 (ix) Mobility characteristics of the system presented, including  
4 but not limited to: Qualitative description of system/service  
5 philosophy and impacts; qualitative system reliability; travel time and  
6 number of transfers between selected residential, employment, and  
7 activity centers; and system and activity center mode splits.

8 (3) High capacity transportation project planning is the detailed  
9 identification of alignments, station locations, equipment and systems,  
10 construction schedules, environmental effects, and costs. High  
11 capacity transportation project planning shall proceed as follows: The  
12 local transit agency shall analyze and produce information needed for  
13 the preparation of environmental impact statements. The impact  
14 statements shall address the impact that development of such a system  
15 will have on abutting or nearby property owners. The process of  
16 identification of alignments and station locations shall include  
17 notification of affected property owners by normal legal publication.  
18 At minimum, such notification shall include notice on the same day for  
19 at least three weeks in at least two newspapers of general circulation  
20 in the county where such project is proposed. Special notice of  
21 hearings by the conspicuous posting of notice, in a manner designed to  
22 attract public attention, in the vicinity of areas identified for  
23 station locations or transfer sites shall also be provided.

24 In order to increase the likelihood of future federal funding, the  
25 project planning processes shall follow the urban mass transportation  
26 administration's requirements as described in "Procedures and Technical  
27 Methods for Transit Project Planning", published by the United States  
28 department of transportation, urban mass transportation administration,  
29 September 1986, or the most recent edition. Nothing in this subsection

1 shall be construed to preclude detailed evaluation of more than one  
2 corridor in the planning process.

3 The department of transportation shall provide system and project  
4 planning review and monitoring in cooperation with the expert review  
5 panel identified in RCW 81.104.110. In addition, the local transit  
6 agency shall maintain a continuous public involvement program and seek  
7 involvement of other government agencies."

8 "Sec. 25. RCW 81.104.120 and 1990 c 43 s 33 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (1) (~~City-owned transit service, county transportation~~  
11 ~~authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations, and public~~  
12 ~~transportation benefit areas~~) Transit agencies and regional transit  
13 authorities may operate or contract for commuter rail service where it  
14 is deemed to be a reasonable alternative transit mode. A reasonable  
15 alternative is one whose passenger costs per mile, including costs of  
16 trackage, equipment, maintenance, operations, and administration are  
17 equal to or less than comparable bus, entrained bus, trolley, or  
18 personal rapid transit systems.

19 (2) A county may use funds collected under RCW 81.100.030 or  
20 81.100.060 to contract with one or more transit agencies or regional  
21 transit authorities for planning, operation, and maintenance of  
22 commuter rail projects which: (a) Are consistent with the regional  
23 transportation plan; (b) have met the project planning and oversight  
24 requirements of RCW 81.104.100 and 81.104.110; and (c) have been  
25 approved by the voters within the service area of each transit agency  
26 or regional transit authority participating in the project. The phrase  
27 "approved by the voters" includes specific funding authorization for  
28 the commuter rail project.

1 (3) The utilities and transportation commission shall maintain  
2 safety responsibility for passenger rail service operating on freight  
3 rail lines. Agencies providing passenger rail service on lines other  
4 than freight rail lines shall maintain safety responsibility for that  
5 service."

6 "Sec. 26. RCW 81.104.140 and 1991 c 318 s 11 and 1991 c 309 s 4  
7 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) Agencies authorized to provide high capacity transportation  
9 service, including ~~((city-owned transit systems, county transportation  
10 authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations and public  
11 transportation benefit areas))~~ transit agencies and regional transit  
12 authorities, are hereby granted dedicated funding sources for such  
13 systems. These dedicated funding sources, as set forth in RCW  
14 81.104.150, 81.104.160, and 81.104.170, are authorized only for  
15 agencies located in (a) each county with a population of two hundred  
16 ten thousand or more and (b) each county with a population of from one  
17 hundred twenty-five thousand to less than two hundred ten thousand  
18 except for those counties that do not border a county with a population  
19 as described under (a) of this subsection. In any county with a  
20 population of one million or more or in any county having a population  
21 of four hundred thousand or more bordering a county with a population  
22 of one million or more, these funding sources may be imposed only by a  
23 regional transit authority.

24 (2) Agencies planning to construct and operate a high capacity  
25 transportation system should also seek other funds, including federal,  
26 state, local, and private sector assistance.

27 (3) Funding sources should satisfy each of the following criteria  
28 to the greatest extent possible:

29 (a) Acceptability;

- 1 (b) Ease of administration;
- 2 (c) Equity;
- 3 (d) Implementation feasibility;
- 4 (e) Revenue reliability; and
- 5 (f) Revenue yield.

6 (4) Agencies participating in regional high capacity transportation  
7 system development (~~((through interlocal agreements))~~) are authorized to  
8 levy and collect the following voter-approved local option funding  
9 sources:

- 10 (a) Employer tax as provided in RCW 81.104.150;
- 11 (b) Special motor vehicle excise tax as provided in RCW 81.104.160;
- 12 and
- 13 (c) Sales and use tax as provided in RCW 81.104.170.

14 Revenues from these taxes may be used only to support those  
15 purposes prescribed in subsection (10) of this section. Before the  
16 date of an election authorizing an agency to impose any of the taxes  
17 enumerated in this section and authorized in RCW 81.104.150,  
18 81.104.160, and 81.104.170, the agency must comply with the process  
19 prescribed in RCW 81.104.100 (1) and (2) and 81.104.110. No  
20 construction on exclusive right of way may occur before the  
21 requirements of RCW 81.104.100(3) are met.

22 (5) Authorization in subsection (4) of this section shall not  
23 adversely affect the funding authority of (~~((existing))~~) transit agencies  
24 not provided for in this chapter. Local option funds may be used to  
25 support implementation of interlocal agreements with respect to the  
26 establishment of regional high capacity transportation service. Except  
27 when a regional transit authority exists, local jurisdictions shall  
28 retain control over moneys generated within their boundaries, although  
29 funds may be commingled with those generated in other areas for

1 planning, construction, and operation of high capacity transportation  
2 systems as set forth in the agreements.

3 (6) Agencies planning to construct and operate high capacity  
4 transportation systems may contract with the state for collection and  
5 transference of voter-approved local option revenue.

6 (7) Dedicated high capacity transportation funding sources  
7 authorized in RCW 81.104.150, 81.104.160, and 81.104.170 shall be  
8 subject to voter approval by a simple majority. A single ballot  
9 proposition may seek approval for one or more of the authorized taxing  
10 sources. The ballot title shall reference the document identified in  
11 subsection (8) of this section.

12 (8) Agencies shall provide to the registered voters in the area a  
13 document describing the systems plan and the financing plan set forth  
14 in RCW 81.104.100. It shall also describe the relationship of the  
15 system to regional issues such as development density at station  
16 locations and activity centers, and the interrelationship of the system  
17 to adopted land use and transportation demand management goals within  
18 the region. This document shall be provided to the voters at least  
19 twenty days prior to the date of the election.

20 (9) For any election in which voter approval is sought for a high  
21 capacity transportation system plan and financing plan pursuant to RCW  
22 81.104.040, a local voter's pamphlet shall be produced as provided in  
23 chapter 29.81A RCW.

24 (10) Agencies providing high capacity transportation service shall  
25 retain responsibility for revenue encumbrance, disbursement, and  
26 bonding. Funds may be used for any purpose relating to planning,  
27 construction, and operation of high capacity transportation  
28 systems((~~7~~)) and commuter rail systems, ((~~and feeder transportation~~  
29 ~~systems~~)) personal rapid transit, busways, bus sets, and entrained and  
30 linked buses."

1       **"Sec. 27.** RCW 81.104.150 and 1990 c 43 s 41 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       Cities that operate transit systems, county transportation  
4 authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations, ~~((and))~~ public  
5 transportation benefit areas, ~~((solely for the purpose of providing  
6 high capacity transportation service))~~ and regional transit authorities  
7 may submit an authorizing proposition to the voters and if approved may  
8 impose an excise tax of up to two dollars per month per employee on all  
9 employers located within the agency's jurisdiction, measured by the  
10 number of full-time equivalent employees, solely for the purpose of  
11 providing high capacity transportation service. The rate of tax shall  
12 be approved by the voters. This tax may not be imposed by ~~((an))~~: (1)  
13 A transit agency when the county within which it is located is imposing  
14 an excise tax pursuant to RCW 81.100.030; or (2) a regional transit  
15 authority when any county within the authority's boundaries is imposing  
16 an excise tax pursuant to RCW 81.100.030. The agency imposing the tax  
17 authorized in this section may provide for exemptions from the tax to  
18 such educational, cultural, health, charitable, or religious  
19 organizations as it deems appropriate."

20       **"Sec. 28.** RCW 81.104.160 and 1991 c 318 s 12 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22       ~~((Any city that operates a))~~ Cities that operate transit systems,  
23 county transportation ((authority)) authorities, metropolitan municipal  
24 corporations, ((or)) public transportation benefit areas, ((solely for  
25 the purpose of providing high capacity transportation service)) and  
26 regional transit authorities may submit an authorizing proposition to  
27 the voters, and if approved, may levy and collect an excise tax, at a  
28 rate approved by the voters, but not exceeding eighty one-hundredths of  
29 one percent on the value, under chapter 82.44 RCW, of every motor

1 vehicle owned by a resident of (~~such city, county transportation~~  
2 ~~authority, metropolitan municipal corporation, or public transportation~~  
3 ~~benefit area~~) the taxing district, solely for the purpose of providing  
4 high capacity transportation service. In any county imposing a motor  
5 vehicle excise tax surcharge pursuant to RCW 81.100.060, the maximum  
6 tax rate under this section shall be reduced to a rate equal to eighty  
7 one-hundredths of one percent on the value less the equivalent motor  
8 vehicle excise tax rate of the surcharge imposed pursuant to RCW  
9 81.100.060. This rate shall not apply to vehicles licensed under RCW  
10 46.16.070 except vehicles with an unladen weight of six thousand pounds  
11 or less, RCW 46.16.079, 46.16.080, 46.16.085, or 46.16.090."

12       **"Sec. 29.** RCW 81.104.170 and 1990 2nd ex.s. c 1 s 902 are each  
13 amended to read as follows:

14       (~~The legislative bodies of~~) Cities that operate transit systems,  
15 county transportation authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations,  
16 (~~and~~) public transportation benefit areas, (~~solely for the purpose~~  
17 ~~of providing high capacity transportation service~~) and regional  
18 transit authorities may submit an authorizing proposition to the voters  
19 and if approved by a majority of persons voting, fix and impose a sales  
20 and use tax in accordance with the terms of this chapter, solely for  
21 the purpose of providing high capacity transportation service.

22       The tax authorized pursuant to this section shall be in addition to  
23 the tax authorized by RCW 82.14.030 and shall be collected from those  
24 persons who are taxable by the state pursuant to chapters 82.08 and  
25 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within (~~such city,~~  
26 ~~county transportation authority, metropolitan municipal corporation, or~~  
27 ~~public transportation benefit area, as the case may be~~) the taxing  
28 district. The maximum rate of such tax shall be approved by the voters  
29 and shall not exceed one percent of the selling price (in the case of

1 a sales tax) or value of the article used (in the case of a use tax).  
2 The maximum rate of such tax that may be imposed shall not exceed  
3 nine-tenths of one percent (~~(if)~~) in any county that imposes a tax (~~(is~~  
4 ~~imposed in the county)~~) under RCW 82.14.340, or within a regional  
5 transit authority if any county within the authority imposes a tax  
6 under RCW 82.14.340."

7 "Sec. 30. RCW 81.104.180 and 1990 c 43 s 44 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 Cities that operate transit systems, county transportation  
10 authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations, (~~and~~) public  
11 transportation benefit areas, and regional transit authorities are  
12 authorized to pledge revenues from the employer tax authorized by RCW  
13 81.104.150, the special motor vehicle excise tax authorized by RCW  
14 81.104.160, and the sales and use tax authorized by RCW 81.104.170, to  
15 retire bonds issued solely for the purpose of providing high capacity  
16 transportation service."

17 "Sec. 31. RCW 81.104.190 and 1990 c 43 s 45 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 Cities that operate transit systems, county transportation  
20 authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations, (~~and~~) public  
21 transportation benefit areas, and regional transit systems may contract  
22 with the state department of revenue or other appropriate entities for  
23 administration and collection of any tax authorized by RCW 81.104.150,  
24 81.104.160, and 81.104.170."

25 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 32. A new section is added to chapter 47.80  
26 RCW to read as follows:



1 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERSHIP. In order to qualify for state planning  
2 funds available to regional transportation planning organizations, the  
3 regional transportation planning organizations containing any county  
4 with a population in excess of one million shall provide voting  
5 membership on its executive board to the state transportation  
6 commission, the state department of transportation, and the three  
7 largest public port districts within the region as determined by gross  
8 operating revenues. It shall further assure that at least fifty  
9 percent of the county and city local elected officials who serve on the  
10 executive board also serve on transit agency boards or on a regional  
11 transit authority."

12 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 33.** Sections 1 through 18 of this act shall  
13 constitute a new chapter in Title 81 RCW."

14 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 34.** Section headings as used in this act do  
15 not constitute any part of the law."

16 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 35.** If any provision of this act or its  
17 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
18 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
19 persons or circumstances is not affected."

20 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 36.** This act shall take effect July 1,  
21 1992."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "transportation;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 81.104.010, 81.104.040,  
6 81.104.050, 81.104.100, 81.104.120, 81.104.150, 81.104.160, 81.104.170,  
7 81.104.180, and 81.104.190; reenacting and amending RCW 81.104.030 and  
8 81.104.140; adding a new section to chapter 81.104 RCW; adding a new  
9 section to chapter 47.80 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 81 RCW;  
10 creating a new section; and providing an effective date."