HOUSE BILL REPORT SHB 2714

As Passed House February 17, 1992

Title: An act relating to addition of territory to public transportation benefit areas.

Brief Description: Regulating addition of territory to public transportation benefit areas.

Sponsor(s): By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Fisher, Cantwell, Paris and Wood).

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on: Transportation, February 4, 1992, DPS; Passed House, February 17, 1992, 98-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 25 members: Representatives R. Fisher, Chair; R. Meyers, Vice Chair; Betrozoff, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Cantwell; Cooper; Day; G. Fisher; Forner; Haugen; Heavey; Horn; P. Johnson; R. Johnson; Jones; Kremen; Mitchell; Nelson; Orr; Prentice; Prince; Schmidt; Wilson; Wood; and Zellinsky.

Staff: Brian McMorrow (786-7304).

Background: A public transportation benefit area (PTBA) is a locally controlled, special purpose government that provides public transit services.

The following regulations relate to the addition of territory to PTBAs. 1) PTBAs may not contain part of any city. Instead, PTBAs must wholly include or wholly exclude cities from their boundaries. 2) If, subsequent to the formation of a PTBA, an additional area becomes part of a component city, the additional area shall be included within the boundaries of the PTBA. 3) If a city that is not a component city of the PTBA adds area to its boundaries that is within the boundaries of the PTBA, the area added will be excluded from the PTBA area.

Summary of Bill: If a city extends its boundaries through annexation across a county boundary line to include areas within the public transportation benefit area (PTBA), then the entire area of the city within the county that is within the PTBA shall be included within the PTBA boundaries. That area of the city in the PTBA shall be considered a component city of the PTBA corporation.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Testimony For: The area annexed by a city or another county would be permitted to remain in its public transit benefit area. Canyon Park would remain in the Snohomish County PTBA, even though it will be annexed by the city of Bothell.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Awne Pflug, City of Bothell.