

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SSB 6373

*As Reported By House Committee on:
Transportation*

Title: An act relating to the membership of the transportation improvement board.

Brief Description: Adding a public member to the transportation improvement board.

Sponsor(s): By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Erwin, Skratek, Thorsness, Oke, Patterson and Vognild).

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Transportation, February 26, 1992, DP.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 20 members: Representatives R. Fisher, Chair; R. Meyers, Vice Chair; Betzoff, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brough; Cantwell; Cooper; Day; G. Fisher; Forner; Horn; P. Johnson; Jones; Kremen; Mitchell; Nelson; Orr; Prentice; Prince; and Zellinsky.

Minority Report: *Do not pass.* Signed by 4 members: Representatives Heavey; Schmidt; Wilson; and Wood.

Staff: Roger Horn (786-7839).

Background: The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) provides state grants to local jurisdictions for transportation projects in large and small cities and urbanized areas outside of cities.

The TIB is comprised of 17 members, including three city engineers, three city-elected officials, two county engineers, three county commissioners, one private sector member, one public transit member, the County Road Administration Board director, and three assistant secretaries from the Department of Transportation. The county, city, transit and private sector members are appointed by the secretary of transportation.

The private sector and public transit members were added to the board in 1991.

Summary of Bill: A public member, to be appointed by the secretary of transportation, is added to the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). Requirements for this position include professional experience in transportation planning or land use planning, a demonstrated interest in transportation issues, and involvement in community or grassroots organizations.

Applicants for the new position will be sought through advertisements in newspapers reaching all urban areas of the state. All applicants must provide a letter of interest and resume. The same process for seeking candidates is applied to the private sector position.

Conditions for determining vacancies of the private sector and public member positions are added, including resignation or inability or unwillingness to serve.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect July 1, 1992.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: None.