

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6373

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 4, 1992

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

SPONSORS: Senators Erwin, Skratek, Thorsness, Oke, Patterson and Vognild

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6373 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chairman; Nelson, Vice Chairman; Barr, Conner, Erwin, Hansen, Oke, Sellar, Skratek, Snyder, Thorsness, and Vognild.

Staff: Roger Horn (786-7839)

Hearing Dates: February 4, 1992

BACKGROUND:

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

The board 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 DOT Assistant Secretaries. 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:

A citizen member to be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation is added to the Transportation Improvement Board. Requirements for this position include college training and 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 citizen member positions are added, including resignation or inability or unwillingness to serve.

EFFECT OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE:

The substitute bill changes the designation of the new TIB member from "citizen member" to "public member" and eliminates college training in transportation or land-use planning as a requirement for the position.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: requested January 31, 1992

Effective Date: July 1, 1992

TESTIMONY FOR: None

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: No one