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1 AN ACT Relating to the membership of the transportation improvement  
2 board; reenacting and amending RCW 47.26.121; providing an effective  
3 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.26.121 and 1991 c 363 s 124 and 1991 c 308 s 1 are  
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) There is hereby created a transportation improvement board of  
8 (~~seventeen~~) eighteen members, six of whom shall be county members and  
9 six of whom shall be city members. The remaining members shall be:  
10 (a) The assistant secretary of the department of transportation whose  
11 primary responsibilities relate to planning and public transportation;  
12 (b) the assistant secretary for highways of the department of  
13 transportation; (c) the assistant secretary for local programs of the  
14 department of transportation; (d) a representative of a public transit  
15 system; (~~and~~) (e) a private sector representative; and (f) a public  
16 member.

17 (2) Of the county members of the board, one member shall be a  
18 county engineer from a county with a population of one hundred twenty-  
19 five thousand or more; one member shall be a county engineer from a

1 county with a population of less than one hundred twenty-five thousand;  
2 one member shall be the executive director of the county road  
3 administration board, created by RCW 36.78.060; two members shall be  
4 county executives, council members, or commissioners from counties with  
5 a population of one hundred twenty-five thousand or more; one member  
6 shall be a county executive, council member, or commissioner from a  
7 county with a population of less than one hundred twenty-five thousand.  
8 All county members of the board, except the executive director of the  
9 county road administration board, shall be appointed. Not more than  
10 one county member of the board shall be from any one county. For the  
11 purposes of this subsection, the term "county engineer" means the  
12 director of public works in any county in which such a position exists.

13 (3) Of the city members of the board two shall be chief city  
14 engineers, public works directors, or other city employees with  
15 responsibility for public works activities, of cities over twenty  
16 thousand population; one shall be a chief city engineer, public works  
17 director, or other city employee with responsibility for public works  
18 activities, of a city of less than twenty thousand population; two  
19 shall be mayors, commissioners, or city council members of cities of  
20 more than twenty thousand population; and one shall be a mayor,  
21 commissioner, or council member of a city of less than twenty thousand  
22 population. All of the city members shall be appointed. Not more than  
23 one city member of the board shall be from any one city.

24 (4) The transit member shall be a general manager, executive  
25 director, or transit director of a city-owned transit system, county  
26 transportation authority, metropolitan municipal corporation, or public  
27 transportation benefit area.

28 (5) The private sector member shall be a citizen with business,  
29 management, and transportation related experience and shall be active  
30 in a business community-based transportation organization.

31 (6) The public member shall have professional experience in  
32 transportation or land use planning, a demonstrated interest in  
33 transportation issues, and involvement with community groups or grass  
34 roots organizations.

35 (7) Appointments of county, city, transit, ((and)) private sector,  
36 and public representatives shall be made by the secretary of the  
37 department of transportation((, with appointments to be made by July 1,  
38 1991)). Appointees shall be chosen from a list of two persons for each  
39 position nominated by the Washington state association of counties for

1 county members, the association of Washington cities for city members,  
2 and the Washington state transit association for the transit member.  
3 The private sector and public members shall be sought through  
4 classified advertisements in selected newspapers collectively serving  
5 all urban areas of the state, and other appropriate means. Persons  
6 applying for the private sector or the public member position must  
7 provide a letter of interest and a resume to the secretary of the  
8 department of transportation. In the case of a vacancy, the  
9 appointment shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired term in  
10 which the vacancy has occurred. A vacancy shall be deemed to have  
11 occurred on the board when any member elected to public office  
12 completes that term of office or is removed therefrom for any reason or  
13 when any member employed by a political subdivision terminates such  
14 employment for whatsoever reason or when a private sector or public  
15 member resigns or is unable or unwilling to serve.

16 ~~((+7))~~ (8) Appointments shall be for terms of four years. Terms  
17 of all appointed members shall expire on June 30th of even-numbered  
18 years. The initial term of the public member shall expire June 30,  
19 1996.

20 ~~((+8))~~ (9) The board shall elect a chair from among its members  
21 for a two-year term.

22 ~~((+9))~~ (10) Expenses of the board, including administration of the  
23 transportation improvement program, shall be paid from the urban  
24 arterial account.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate  
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
27 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
28 effect July 1, 1993.

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