
SENATE BILL 5826

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By Senators Skratek and Erwin

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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 members, ~~((six))~~ five of whom shall be county members and
9 ~~((six))~~ five of whom shall be city members. The remaining members
10 shall be: (a) Two representatives appointed by the governor who shall
11 be state employees with responsibility for transportation policy,
12 planning, or funding; (b) the assistant secretary of the department of
13 transportation whose primary responsibilities relate to planning and
14 public transportation; ~~((b) the assistant secretary for highways of~~
15 ~~the department of transportation;))~~ (c) the assistant secretary for
16 local programs of the department of transportation; (d) a
17 representative of a public transit system; ~~((and))~~ (e) a private sector
18 representative; and (f) a public member.

1 (2) Of the county members of the board, one (~~(member)~~) shall be a
2 county engineer (~~((from a county with a population of one hundred~~
3 ~~twenty-five thousand or more))~~) or the executive director of the county
4 road administration board; one (~~(member)~~) shall be a county (~~(engineer~~
5 ~~from a county with a population of less than one hundred twenty-five~~
6 ~~thousand~~); one member shall be the executive director of the county road
7 administration board, ~~created by RCW 36.78.060~~) planning director or
8 planning manager; (~~(two members)~~) one shall be a county executive(~~(s)~~),
9 (~~(council members)~~) councilmember, or commissioner(~~(s)~~) from
10 (~~(counties)~~) a county with a population of one hundred twenty-five
11 thousand or more who serves on the board of a regional transportation
12 planning organization or metropolitan planning organization; one shall
13 be a county executive, councilmember, or commissioner of a county who
14 serves on the board of a public transit system; and one (~~(member)~~)
15 shall be a county executive, (~~(council member)~~) councilmember, or
16 commissioner from a county with a population of less than one hundred
17 twenty-five thousand. All county members of the board(~~(, except the~~
18 ~~executive director of the county road administration board,~~) shall be
19 appointed. Not more than one county member of the board shall be from
20 any one county. (~~(For the purposes of this subsection, the term~~
21 ~~"county engineer" means the director of public works in any county in~~
22 ~~which such a position exists.)~~) No more than two of the three county-
23 elected officials may represent counties located in either the eastern
24 or western part of the state as divided north and south by the summit
25 of the Cascade mountains.

26 (3) Of the city members of the board (~~(two)~~) one shall be a chief
27 city engineer(~~(s)~~), public works director(~~(s)~~), or other city
28 employee(~~(s)~~) with responsibility for public works activities(~~(, of~~
29 ~~cities over twenty thousand population))~~); one shall be a (~~(chief city~~
30 ~~engineer, public works director, or other city employee with~~
31 ~~responsibility for public works activities, of a city of less than~~
32 ~~twenty thousand population)~~) city planning director or planning
33 manager; (~~(two)~~) one shall be a mayor(~~(s)~~), commissioner(~~(s)~~), or city
34 (~~(council members)~~) councilmember of (~~(cities)~~) a city of more than
35 twenty thousand population who serves on the board of a regional
36 transportation planning organization or metropolitan planning
37 organization; one shall be a mayor, commissioner, or city councilmember
38 of a city who serves on the board of a public transit system; and one
39 shall be a mayor, commissioner, or (~~(council member)~~) councilmember of

1 a city of less than twenty thousand population who serves on the board
2 of a regional transportation planning organization. All of the city
3 members shall be appointed. Not more than one city member of the board
4 shall be from any one city. No more than two of the three city-elected
5 officials may represent cities located in either the eastern or western
6 part of the state as divided north and south by the summit of the
7 Cascade mountains.

8 (4) The transit member shall be a general manager, executive
9 director, or transit director of a ~~((city-owned))~~ public transit
10 system(~~(, county transportation authority, metropolitan municipal~~
11 ~~corporation, or public transportation benefit area)~~).

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

15 (6) The public member shall have professional experience in
16 transportation or land use planning, a demonstrated interest in
17 transportation issues, and involvement with community groups or grass
18 roots organizations.

19 (7) Appointments of county, city, transit, ~~((and))~~ private sector,
20 and public representatives shall be made by the secretary of the
21 department of transportation(~~(, with appointments to be made by July 1,~~
22 ~~1991)~~). Appointees shall be chosen from a list of two persons for each
23 position nominated by the Washington state association of counties for
24 county members, the association of Washington cities for city members,
25 and the Washington state transit association for the transit member.
26 The private sector and public members shall be sought through
27 classified advertisements in selected newspapers collectively serving
28 all urban areas of the state, and other appropriate means. Persons
29 applying for the private sector or the public member position must
30 provide a letter of interest and a resume to the secretary of the
31 department of transportation. In the case of a vacancy, the
32 appointment shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired term in
33 which the vacancy has occurred. A vacancy shall be deemed to have
34 occurred on the board when any member elected to public office
35 completes that term of office or is removed therefrom for any reason or
36 when any member employed by a political subdivision terminates such
37 employment for whatsoever reason or when a private sector or public
38 member resigns or is unable or unwilling to serve.

1 (~~(7)~~) (8) Appointments shall be for terms of four years. Terms
2 of all appointed members shall expire on June 30th of even-numbered
3 years. The initial term of appointed members may be for less than four
4 years. No appointed member may serve more than two consecutive four-
5 year terms.

6 (~~(8)~~) (9) The board shall elect a chair from among its members
7 for a two-year term.

8 (~~(9)~~) (10) Expenses of the board, including administration of the
9 transportation improvement program, shall be paid from the urban
10 arterial account.

11 (11) For purposes of this section, "public transit system" means a
12 city-owned transit system, county transportation authority,
13 metropolitan municipal corporation, public transportation benefit area,
14 or regional transit authority.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
17 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
18 effect July 1, 1993.

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