

2 **SSB 6078** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 3-1-96**
3 By Committee on Transportation

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 81.104.140 and 1992 c 101 s 25 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) Agencies authorized to provide high capacity transportation
10 service, including transit agencies and regional transit authorities,
11 are hereby granted dedicated funding sources for such systems. These
12 dedicated funding sources, as set forth in RCW 81.104.150, 81.104.160,
13 and 81.104.170, are authorized only for agencies located in (a) each
14 county with a population of two hundred ten thousand or more and (b)
15 each county with a population of from one hundred twenty-five thousand
16 to less than two hundred ten thousand except for those counties that do
17 not border a county with a population as described under (a) of this
18 subsection. In any county with a population of one million or more or
19 in any county having a population of four hundred thousand or more
20 bordering a county with a population of one million or more, these
21 funding sources may be imposed only by a regional transit authority.

22 (2) Agencies planning to construct and operate a high capacity
23 transportation system should also seek other funds, including federal,
24 state, local, and private sector assistance.

25 (3) Funding sources should satisfy each of the following criteria
26 to the greatest extent possible:

- 27 (a) Acceptability;
- 28 (b) Ease of administration;
- 29 (c) Equity;
- 30 (d) Implementation feasibility;
- 31 (e) Revenue reliability; and
- 32 (f) Revenue yield.

33 (4) Agencies participating in regional high capacity transportation
34 system development are authorized to levy and collect the following
35 voter-approved local option funding sources:

- 36 (a) Employer tax as provided in RCW 81.104.150;

1 (b) Special motor vehicle excise tax as provided in RCW 81.104.160;
2 and

3 (c) Sales and use tax as provided in RCW 81.104.170.

4 Revenues from these taxes may be used only to support those
5 purposes prescribed in subsection (10) of this section. Before the
6 date of an election authorizing an agency to impose any of the taxes
7 enumerated in this section and authorized in RCW 81.104.150,
8 81.104.160, and 81.104.170, the agency must comply with the process
9 prescribed in RCW 81.104.100 (1) and (2) and 81.104.110. No
10 construction on exclusive right of way may occur before the
11 requirements of RCW 81.104.100(3) are met.

12 (5) Authorization in subsection (4) of this section shall not
13 adversely affect the funding authority of transit agencies not provided
14 for in this chapter. Local option funds may be used to support
15 implementation of interlocal agreements with respect to the
16 establishment of regional high capacity transportation service. Except
17 when a regional transit authority exists, local jurisdictions shall
18 retain control over moneys generated within their boundaries, although
19 funds may be commingled with those generated in other areas for
20 planning, construction, and operation of high capacity transportation
21 systems as set forth in the agreements.

22 (6) Agencies planning to construct and operate high capacity
23 transportation systems may contract with the state for collection and
24 transference of voter-approved local option revenue.

25 (7) Dedicated high capacity transportation funding sources
26 authorized in RCW 81.104.150, 81.104.160, and 81.104.170 shall be
27 subject to voter approval by a simple majority. A single ballot
28 proposition may seek approval for one or more of the authorized taxing
29 sources. ~~((The ballot title shall reference the document identified in
30 subsection (8) of this section.))~~

31 ~~((Agencies shall provide to the registered voters in the area
32 a document describing the systems plan and the financing plan set forth
33 in RCW 81.104.100. It shall also describe the relationship of the
34 system to regional issues such as development density at station
35 locations and activity centers, and the interrelationship of the system
36 to adopted land use and transportation demand management goals within
37 the region. This document shall be provided to the voters at least
38 twenty days prior to the date of the election.))~~ When making public
39 representations about revenues available to support a proposed project,

1 agencies shall not assume, nor imply the availability of, state funds
2 unless those funds have been specifically authorized. Any assumptions
3 of federal funds shall be based on authorizations in the current six-
4 year transportation authorization law and subsequent appropriations
5 therefrom.

6 (9) For any election in which voter approval is sought for a high
7 capacity transportation system plan and financing plan pursuant to RCW
8 81.104.040, a local voter's pamphlet shall be produced as provided in
9 chapter 29.81A RCW.

10 (10) Agencies providing high capacity transportation service shall
11 retain responsibility for revenue encumbrance, disbursement, and
12 bonding. Funds may be used for any purpose relating to planning,
13 construction, and operation of high capacity transportation systems and
14 commuter rail systems, personal rapid transit, busways, bus sets, and
15 entrained and linked buses."

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19 In line 2 of the title, after "projects;" strike the remainder of
20 the title and insert "and amending RCW 81.104.140."

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