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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Horn, Benton, Haugen, Goings and Eide)

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1 AN ACT Relating to transportation planning; and amending RCW
2 47.80.023, 47.80.040, and 47.80.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.80.023 and 1998 c 171 s 8 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Each regional transportation planning organization shall have the
7 following duties:

8 (1) Prepare and periodically update a transportation strategy for
9 the region. The strategy shall address alternative transportation
10 modes and transportation demand management measures in regional
11 corridors and shall recommend preferred transportation policies to
12 implement adopted growth strategies. The strategy shall serve as a
13 guide in preparation of the regional transportation plan.

14 (2) Prepare a regional transportation plan as set forth in RCW
15 47.80.030 that is consistent with county-wide planning policies if such
16 have been adopted pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, with county, city,
17 and town comprehensive plans, and state transportation plans.

18 (3) Certify by December 31, 1996, that the transportation elements
19 of comprehensive plans adopted by counties, cities, and towns within

1 the region reflect the guidelines and principles developed pursuant to
2 RCW 47.80.026, are consistent with the adopted regional transportation
3 plan, and, where appropriate, conform with the requirements of RCW
4 36.70A.070.

5 (4) Where appropriate, certify that county-wide planning policies
6 adopted under RCW 36.70A.210 and the adopted regional transportation
7 plan are consistent.

8 (5) Develop, in cooperation with the department of transportation,
9 operators of public transportation services and local governments
10 within the region, a six-year regional transportation improvement
11 program which proposes regionally significant transportation projects
12 and programs and transportation demand management measures. The
13 regional transportation improvement program shall be based on the
14 programs, projects, and transportation demand management measures of
15 regional significance as identified by transit agencies, cities, and
16 counties pursuant to RCW 35.58.2795, 35.77.010, and 36.81.121,
17 respectively. The program shall include a priority list of projects
18 and programs, project segments and programs, transportation demand
19 management measures, and a specific financial plan that demonstrates
20 how the transportation improvement program can be funded. The program
21 shall be updated at least every two years for the ensuing six-year
22 period. Regional transportation planning organizations shall provide
23 to the legislators whose districts are within the boundaries of the
24 organization notification of available publications. Upon request by
25 legislators, the regional transportation planning organization shall
26 provide a schedule of six-year transportation improvement program
27 decision process points, updates, and amendments to the six-year
28 transportation improvement program.

29 (6) Designate a lead planning agency to coordinate preparation of
30 the regional transportation plan and carry out the other
31 responsibilities of the organization. The lead planning agency may be
32 a regional organization, a component county, city, or town agency, or
33 the appropriate Washington state department of transportation district
34 office.

35 (7) Review level of service methodologies used by cities and
36 counties planning under chapter 36.70A RCW to promote a consistent
37 regional evaluation of transportation facilities and corridors.

1 (8) Work with cities, counties, transit agencies, the department of
2 transportation, and others to develop level of service standards or
3 alternative transportation performance measures.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.80.040 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 56 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Each regional transportation planning organization shall create a
7 transportation policy board. Transportation policy boards shall
8 provide policy advice to the regional transportation planning
9 organization and shall allow representatives of major employers within
10 the region, the department of transportation, transit districts, port
11 districts, and member cities, towns, and counties within the region to
12 participate in policy making. Any members of the house of
13 representatives or the state senate whose districts are within the
14 boundaries of the regional transportation planning organization are
15 considered ex officio, nonvoting policy board members of the regional
16 transportation planning organization. This does not preclude
17 legislators from becoming full-time, voting board members.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.80.070 and 1994 c 158 s 5 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 In order to ensure state-wide consistency in the regional
21 transportation planning process, the state department of
22 transportation, in conformance with chapter 34.05 RCW, shall:

23 (1) In cooperation with regional transportation planning
24 organizations, establish minimum standards for development of a
25 regional transportation plan;

26 (2) Facilitate coordination between regional transportation
27 planning organizations; and

28 (3) Through the regional transportation planning process, and
29 through state planning efforts as required by RCW 47.01.071, identify
30 and jointly plan (~~(improvements and strategies)~~) the most efficient
31 strategy to address identified deficiencies, including investments in
32 modal integration within those corridors important to moving people and
33 goods on a regional (~~(or)~~) and state-wide basis.

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