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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Long, Shin, McAuliffe, Swecker, Horn and Costa)

Brief Description: Adjusting the relationship between a public transportation benefit area and a city.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Amends RCW 36.57A.110 and 36.57A.130 to adjust the relationship between a public transportation benefit area and a city.

Provides that, in a county with a population over one hundred fifty thousand where a public transportation benefit area and a city both operate a public transportation system, the county shall submit a ballot proposition to the voters of the city on the question of whether the public transportation benefit area shall acquire the public transportation system owned by the city.

Requires the vote to take place before January 1, 2002, and a simple majority authorizes acquisition.

Provides that, if the ballot proposition fails, the city shall pay the public transportation benefit area for services rendered as provided for in RCW 36.57A.130.

Provides that, after January 1, 2002, in a county where a public transportation benefit area and a city both operate a public transportation system, the city shall annually pay the public transportation benefit area:

(1) The average subsidy per passenger of the public transportation benefit area multiplied by the number of unlinked passenger trips made by that city's residents on the public transportation benefit area transportation system; plus

(2) The depreciation expenses of the public transportation benefit area, divided by the combined population of the public transportation benefit area and the city, multiplied by the population of the city.