

SHB 1960 - H AMD 233

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to study whether
4 the creation of a Puget Sound regional transportation district governed
5 by an elected board would lead to better use of transportation
6 resources and whether this district would improve transportation
7 planning and governance in the Puget Sound region.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Subject to legislative funding, the
9 legislative transportation committee shall conduct a study to determine
10 whether the creation of a Puget Sound regional transportation district
11 governed by an elected board would lead to better use of transportation
12 resources and whether this district would improve transportation
13 planning and governance in the region. The study shall:

14 (1) Review current local and regional transportation planning and
15 governance structures located in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap
16 counties;

17 (2) Review the interaction between state transportation planning
18 and governance and the local and regional structures in King, Pierce,
19 Snohomish, and Kitsap counties;

20 (3) Examine whether an elected board assuming the functions of the
21 current metropolitan planning organization and the current regional
22 transportation planning organization would improve transportation
23 planning;

24 (4) Examine whether the state should consider delegating state
25 transportation planning for the region to an elected board;

26 (5) Examine whether an elected board would provide more efficient
27 and accountable governance than the current board of the regional
28 transportation investment district;

1 (6) Examine how the size of the board, and whether the board was
2 elected by council districts, would influence transportation
3 governance;

4 (7) Examine the elected board assuming the governance of local
5 transit districts in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties would
6 provide more efficient transportation governance; and

7 (8) Examine whether lesser steps than transferral of governing
8 authority over local transit districts or the regional transportation
9 investment district, such as coordination of existing transportation
10 planning, operations, and services, might enhance transportation
11 efficiency.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislative transportation committee
13 shall report the results of its study to the transportation committees
14 of the house of representatives and senate by December 10, 2003. The
15 legislative transportation committee may report electronically, and
16 shall post its report on its web site."

17 Correct the title.

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