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By Representative Simpson

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1 On page 10, after line 23 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 82.80 RCW  
3 to read as follows:

4 (1) Subject to voter approval, a public transportation entity may  
5 fix and impose an annual congestion reduction tax, not to exceed twenty  
6 dollars per vehicle registered within the boundaries of the public  
7 transportation entity, for each vehicle subject to license tab fees  
8 under RCW 46.16.0621 and for each vehicle subject to gross weight fees  
9 under RCW 46.16.070 with an unladen weight of six thousand pounds or  
10 less. For purposes of this section, a "public transportation entity"  
11 includes public transportation benefit areas under chapter 36.57A RCW,  
12 metropolitan municipal corporations providing public transportation  
13 services under chapter 36.56 or 35.58 RCW, city-owned transit systems  
14 under chapter 35.58 RCW, county public transportation authorities under  
15 chapter 36.57 RCW, unincorporated transportation benefit areas under  
16 chapter 36.57 RCW, and regional transit authorities under chapter  
17 81.112 RCW.

18 (2) The department of licensing must administer and collect the tax  
19 for the relevant public transportation entity identified in subsection  
20 (1) of this section. The department of licensing must deduct a  
21 percentage amount, as provided by contract, not to exceed one percent  
22 of the taxes collected, for administration and collection expenses  
23 incurred by it. The department of licensing must remit remaining  
24 proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer. The state treasurer  
25 must distribute the proceeds to the public transportation entity on a  
26 monthly basis.

27 (3) No tax under this section may be collected until six months  
28 after it has been approved by a majority of the voters within the  
29 public transportation entity's boundaries.

1 (4) The congestion reduction tax under this section applies only  
2 when renewing a vehicle registration, and is effective upon the  
3 registration renewal date as provided by the department of licensing.

4 (5) The following vehicles are exempt from the tax under this  
5 section:

6 (a) Farm tractors or farm vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.180 and  
7 46.04.181;

8 (b) Off-road and nonhighway vehicles as defined in RCW 46.09.020;

9 (c) Vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW and the  
10 international registration plan; and

11 (d) Snowmobiles as defined in RCW 46.10.010.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 36.57A RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 In addition to other general and specific powers granted to a  
15 public transportation benefit area authority, the legislative authority  
16 of a public transportation benefit area may submit an authorizing  
17 proposition to the voters and if approved may impose an annual  
18 congestion reduction tax in accordance with section 8 of this act. The  
19 proposition must include a specific description of the public  
20 transportation services or improvements that will be funded by the  
21 congestion reduction tax.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 35.58 RCW  
23 to read as follows:

24 In addition to other general and specific powers granted to  
25 metropolitan municipal corporations and city-owned transit systems, the  
26 legislative authorities of metropolitan municipal corporations and  
27 city-owned transit systems may submit an authorizing proposition to the  
28 voters within their respective boundaries and if approved may impose an  
29 annual congestion reduction tax in accordance with section 8 of this  
30 act. The proposition must include a specific description of the public  
31 transportation services or improvements that will be funded by the  
32 congestion reduction tax.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 36.57 RCW  
34 to read as follows:

35 In addition to other general and specific powers granted to county

1 public transportation authorities and unincorporated transportation  
2 benefit areas, the legislative authorities of a county public  
3 transportation authority and an unincorporated transportation benefit  
4 area may submit an authorizing proposition to the voters within their  
5 respective boundaries and if approved may impose an annual congestion  
6 reduction tax in accordance with section 8 of this act. The  
7 proposition must include a specific description of the public  
8 transportation services or improvements that will be funded by the  
9 congestion reduction tax.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 81.104  
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 In addition to other general and specific powers granted to  
13 regional transit authorities under this chapter and chapter 81.112 RCW,  
14 regional transit authorities may submit an authorizing proposition to  
15 the voters and if approved may impose an annual congestion reduction  
16 tax in accordance with section 8 of this act. The proposition must  
17 include a specific description of the public transportation services or  
18 improvements that will be funded by the congestion reduction tax."

19 Renumber the remaining section consecutively.

EFFECT: Authorizes public transportation systems, including  
public transportation benefit areas, unincorporated public  
transportation benefit areas, metropolitan municipal corporations,  
city-owned transits, county transportation authorities, and regional  
transit authorities, to seek voter approval of an annual congestion  
reduction tax of up to twenty dollars on vehicles registered within the  
benefit area.

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