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**SENATE BILL 5611**

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**State of Washington****63rd Legislature****2013 Regular Session****By** Senators Benton and Rivers

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1       AN ACT Relating to representation on the transportation commission  
2 for regions impacted by tolling; and amending RCW 47.01.051.

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

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.01.051 and 2006 c 334 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       There is hereby created a transportation commission, which shall  
7 consist of seven voting members appointed by the governor, with the  
8 consent of the senate. The present five members of the highway  
9 commission shall serve as five initial members of the transportation  
10 commission until their terms of office as highway commission members  
11 would have expired. The additional two members provided herein for the  
12 transportation commission shall be appointed for initial terms to  
13 expire on June 30, 1982, and June 30, 1983. Thereafter all terms shall  
14 be for six years. No elective state official, state officer, or state  
15 employee shall be a member of the commission. At the time of  
16 appointment or thereafter during their respective terms of office, four  
17 members of the commission shall reside in the western part of the state  
18 and three members shall reside in the eastern part of the state as  
19 divided north and south by the summit of the Cascade mountains. Of the

1   four members representing the western part of the state, members must  
2   be appointed as follows: (1) One member from northwest Washington; (2)  
3   two members from the central Puget Sound area; and (3) one member from  
4   southwest Washington. In making appointments, the governor must take  
5   into consideration persons representing those areas with a toll  
6   facility. By July 1, 2018, the commission must not have more than four  
7   members identifying a preference for the same major political party.

8   No more than two members of the commission shall reside in the same  
9   county; however, the governor, or his or her designee, shall serve as  
10   a nonvoting member of the commission. Commission appointments should  
11   reflect both a wide range of transportation interests and a balanced  
12   statewide geographic representation. Commissioners may be removed from  
13   office by the governor before the expiration of their terms for cause.  
14   No member shall be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.

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