
HOUSE BILL 2874

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By Representative Caldier

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1 AN ACT Relating to the number of board members for certain public
2 transportation benefit areas; amending RCW 36.57A.050; and providing
3 an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.57A.050 and 2010 c 278 s 3 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Within sixty days of the establishment of the boundaries of the
8 public transportation benefit area the members of the county
9 legislative authority and the elected representative of each city
10 within the area shall provide for the selection of the governing body
11 of such area, the public transportation benefit area authority, which
12 shall consist of elected officials selected by and serving at the
13 pleasure of the governing bodies of component cities within the area
14 and the county legislative authority of each county within the area.
15 If at the time a public transportation benefit area authority assumes
16 the public transportation functions previously provided under the
17 Interlocal Cooperation Act (chapter 39.34 RCW) there are citizen
18 positions on the governing board of the transit system, those
19 positions may be retained as positions on the governing board of the
20 public transportation benefit area authority.

1 Within such sixty-day period, any city may by resolution of its
2 legislative body withdraw from participation in the public
3 transportation benefit area. The county legislative authority and
4 each city remaining in the public transportation benefit area may
5 disapprove and prevent the establishment of any governing body of a
6 public transportation benefit area if the composition thereof does
7 not meet its approval.

8 In no case shall the governing body of a single county public
9 transportation benefit area be greater than nine voting members and
10 in the case of a multicounty area, fifteen voting members. In the
11 case of a public transportation benefit area that only borders the
12 western side of the Puget Sound and has a population of more than two
13 hundred thousand, the governing body must have six members. Those
14 cities within the transportation benefit area and excluded from
15 direct membership on the authority are hereby authorized to designate
16 a member of the authority who shall be entitled to represent the
17 interests of such city which is excluded from direct membership on
18 the authority. The legislative body of such city shall notify the
19 authority as to the determination of its authorized representative on
20 the authority.

21 There is one nonvoting member of the public transportation
22 benefit area authority. The nonvoting member is recommended by the
23 labor organization representing the public transportation employees
24 within the local public transportation system. If the public
25 transportation employees are represented by more than one labor
26 organization, all such labor organizations shall select the nonvoting
27 member by majority vote. The nonvoting member shall comply with all
28 governing bylaws and policies of the authority. The chair or cochairs
29 of the authority shall exclude the nonvoting member from attending
30 any executive session held for the purpose of discussing negotiations
31 with labor organizations. The chair or cochairs may exclude the
32 nonvoting member from attending any other executive session. The
33 requirement that a nonvoting member be appointed to the governing
34 body of a public transportation benefit area authority does not apply
35 to an authority that has no employees represented by a labor union.

36 Each member of the authority is eligible to be reimbursed for
37 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and to
38 receive compensation, as set by the authority, in an amount not to
39 exceed forty-four dollars for each day during which the member
40 attends official meetings of the authority or performs prescribed

1 duties approved by the chair of the authority. Except that the
2 authority may, by resolution, increase the payment of per diem
3 compensation to each member from forty-four dollars up to ninety
4 dollars per day or portion of a day for actual attendance at board
5 meetings or for performance of other official services or duties on
6 behalf of the authority. In no event may a member be compensated in
7 any year for more than seventy-five days, except the chair who may be
8 paid compensation for not more than one hundred days: PROVIDED, That
9 compensation shall not be paid to an elected official or employee of
10 federal, state, or local government who is receiving regular full-
11 time compensation from such government for attending meetings and
12 performing prescribed duties of the authority.

13 The dollar thresholds established in this section must be
14 adjusted for inflation by the office of financial management every
15 five years, beginning July 1, 2008, based upon changes in the
16 consumer price index during that time period. "Consumer price index"
17 means, for any calendar year, that year's annual average consumer
18 price index, for Washington state, for wage earners and clerical
19 workers, all items, compiled by the bureau of labor and statistics,
20 United States department of labor. If the bureau of labor and
21 statistics develops more than one consumer price index for areas
22 within the state, the index covering the greatest number of people,
23 covering areas exclusively within the boundaries of the state, and
24 including all items shall be used for the adjustments for inflation
25 in this section. The office of financial management must calculate
26 the new dollar threshold and transmit it to the office of the code
27 reviser for publication in the Washington State Register at least one
28 month before the new dollar threshold is to take effect.

29 A person holding office as commissioner for two or more special
30 purpose districts shall receive only that per diem compensation
31 authorized for one of his or her commissioner positions as
32 compensation for attending an official meeting or conducting official
33 services or duties while representing more than one of his or her
34 districts. However, such commissioner may receive additional per diem
35 compensation if approved by resolution of all boards of the affected
36 commissions.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2018.

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