
SENATE BILL 5187

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By Senator Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to voter approval of a high capacity
2 transportation system plan and financing plan; and amending RCW
3 81.104.030.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.104.030 and 1995 2nd sp.s. c 14 s 541 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) In any county that has a population of one hundred seventy-
8 five thousand or more and has an interstate highway within its
9 borders, except for any county having a population of more than one
10 million or a county that has a population more than four hundred
11 thousand and is adjacent to a county with a population of more than
12 one million, transit agencies may elect to establish high capacity
13 transportation service. Such agencies shall form a regional policy
14 committee with proportional representation based upon population
15 distribution within the designated service area and a representative
16 of the department of transportation, or such agencies may use the
17 designated metropolitan planning organization as the regional policy
18 committee.

19 Transit agencies participating in joint regional policy
20 committees shall seek voter approval within their own service
21 boundaries of a high capacity transportation system plan and

1 financing plan. If the proposal for a high capacity transportation
2 system plan and financing plan is rejected by the voters, the
3 proposing transit agency may not devote any time or resources to the
4 further development of the high capacity transportation system plan
5 and financing plan until the voters approve the proposal. For transit
6 agencies in counties adjoining state or international boundaries
7 where the high capacity transportation system plan and financing plan
8 propose a bistate or international high capacity transportation
9 system, such voter approval shall be required from only those voters
10 residing within the service area in the state of Washington.

11 (2) Transit agencies in counties adjoining state or international
12 boundaries are authorized to participate in the regional high
13 capacity transportation programs of an adjoining state or Canadian
14 province.

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