
SENATE BILL 5828

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By Senators Benton and Ericksen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the establishment of high capacity
2 transportation corridor areas; and amending RCW 81.104.200.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.104.200 and 2009 c 280 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A governing body of a transit agency in a county that has a
7 population of more than four hundred thousand (~~and that~~), adjoins a
8 state boundary, and adjoins more than three counties may establish
9 one or more high capacity transportation corridor areas within all or
10 a portion of the boundaries of the transit agency establishing the
11 high capacity transportation corridor area. A high capacity
12 transportation corridor area may include all or a portion of a city
13 or town as long as all or a portion of the city or town boundaries
14 are within the boundaries of the establishing transit agency. The
15 members of the transit agency governing body proposing to establish
16 the high capacity transportation corridor area, acting ex officio and
17 independently, shall constitute the governing body of the high
18 capacity transportation corridor area.

19 (2) A high capacity transportation corridor area may establish,
20 finance, and provide a high capacity transportation system within its

1 boundaries in the same manner as authorized for transit agencies
2 under this chapter, subject to the following restrictions:

3 (a) Any combined tax rates imposed under this chapter within the
4 boundaries of the transit agency establishing a high capacity
5 transportation corridor area or areas may not exceed the maximum
6 rates authorized under RCW 81.104.150, 81.104.160, and 81.104.170;

7 (b) If a majority of the voters within the boundaries of a high
8 capacity transportation corridor area approve a proposition imposing
9 any high capacity transportation taxes, the governing body of the
10 high capacity transportation corridor area may not seek subsequent
11 voter approval of any additional high capacity transportation taxes,
12 notwithstanding any remaining authorized taxing capacity; and

13 (c) The governing body of a high capacity transportation corridor
14 area may not submit any authorizing proposition for voter-approved
15 taxes prior to July 1, 2012.

16 (3) A high capacity transportation corridor area constitutes a
17 body corporate and possesses all the usual powers of a corporation
18 for public purposes as well as all other powers that may be conferred
19 by statute including, but not limited to, the authority to hire
20 employees, staff, and services, to enter into contracts, to acquire,
21 hold, and dispose of real and personal property, and to sue and be
22 sued. Public works contract limits applicable to the transit agency
23 that established the high capacity transportation corridor area apply
24 to the area.

25 (4) A high capacity transportation corridor area may exercise the
26 power of eminent domain to obtain property for its authorized
27 purposes in the same manner as authorized for the transit agency that
28 established the area.

29 (5) A high capacity transportation corridor area may be dissolved
30 by a majority vote of the governing body when all obligations under
31 any general obligation bonds issued by the high capacity
32 transportation corridor area have been discharged and any other
33 contractual obligations of the high capacity transportation corridor
34 area have either been discharged or assumed by another governmental
35 entity.

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