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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1968**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives McMorris, Mastin, Koster, Chandler, Sheahan and R. Fisher)

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1 AN ACT Relating to regional transportation planning organizations;  
2 amending RCW 47.80.020; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.80.020 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 54 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 The legislature hereby authorizes creation of regional  
7 transportation planning organizations within the state. Each regional  
8 transportation planning organization shall be formed through the  
9 voluntary association of local governments within a county, or within  
10 geographically contiguous counties. Each organization shall:

11 (1) Encompass at least one complete county;

12 (2) Have a population of at least ~~((one hundred))~~ fifty thousand,  
13 or contain ~~((a minimum of three))~~ at least two counties, except in the  
14 case of a county consisting entirely of islands having a population of  
15 less than fifty thousand; and

16 (3) Have as members all counties within the region, and at least  
17 sixty percent of the cities and towns within the region representing a  
18 minimum of seventy-five percent of the cities' and towns' population.

1       The state department of transportation must verify that each  
2 regional transportation planning organization conforms with the  
3 requirements of this section.

4       In urbanized areas, the regional transportation planning  
5 organization is the same as the metropolitan planning organization  
6 designated for federal transportation planning purposes.

7       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purpose of this  
8 act, referring to this act by bill number, is not provided for in a  
9 transportation appropriations act in 1995 that either becomes law under  
10 Article III, section 12 of the state Constitution or is approved by the  
11 people of the state, this act is null and void.

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