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1 AN ACT Relating to transit agencies; and amending RCW 81.104.030
2 and 81.104.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.104.030 and 1992 c 101 s 20 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) In any county with a population of from two hundred ten
7 thousand to less than one million that is not bordered by a county with
8 a population of one million or more, and in each county with a
9 population of less than two hundred ten thousand, transit agencies may
10 elect to establish high capacity transportation service. Such agencies
11 shall form a regional policy committee with proportional representation
12 based upon population distribution within the designated service area
13 and a representative of the department of transportation, or such
14 agencies may use the designated metropolitan planning organization as
15 the regional policy committee.

16 Transit agencies participating in joint regional policy committees
17 shall seek voter approval within their own service boundaries of a high
18 capacity transportation system plan and financing plan. For transit
19 agencies in counties adjoining state or international boundaries where

1 the high capacity transportation system plan and financing plan propose
2 a bi-state or international high capacity transportation system, such
3 voter approval shall be required from only those voters residing within
4 the service area in the state of Washington.

5 (2) Transit agencies in counties adjoining state or international
6 boundaries are authorized to participate in the regional high capacity
7 transportation programs of an adjoining state or Canadian province.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 81.104.120 and 1992 c 101 s 24 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) Transit agencies and regional transit authorities may operate
11 or contract for commuter rail service where it is deemed to be a
12 reasonable alternative transit mode. A reasonable alternative is one
13 whose passenger costs per mile, including costs of trackage, equipment,
14 maintenance, operations, and administration are equal to or less than
15 comparable bus, entrained bus, trolley, or personal rapid transit
16 systems.

17 (2) A county may use funds collected under RCW 81.100.030 or
18 81.100.060 to contract with one or more transit agencies or regional
19 transit authorities for planning, operation, and maintenance of
20 commuter rail projects which: (a) Are consistent with the regional
21 transportation plan; (b) have met the project planning and oversight
22 requirements of RCW 81.104.100 and 81.104.110; and (c) have been
23 approved by the voters within the service area of each transit agency
24 or regional transit authority participating in the project. For
25 transit agencies in counties adjoining state or international
26 boundaries where the high capacity transportation system plan and
27 financing plan propose a bi-state or international high capacity
28 transportation system, such voter approval shall be required from only
29 those voters residing within the service area in the state of
30 Washington. The phrase "approved by the voters" includes specific
31 funding authorization for the commuter rail project.

32 (3) The utilities and transportation commission shall maintain
33 safety responsibility for passenger rail service operating on freight
34 rail lines. Agencies providing passenger rail service on lines other
35 than freight rail lines shall maintain safety responsibility for that
36 service.

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