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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares it to be of
8 significant benefit to citizens of the state to improve public
9 transportation connections among the major activity centers in the
10 central Puget Sound area. The activity centers include major
11 transportation centers, major work and commercial sites, cultural and
12 sports facilities, and political centers, including the state capital.

13 The legislature finds that there are many public transportation
14 services being provided in the region that, if better coordinated and
15 if more information were readily attainable, mobility would be enhanced
16 for persons traveling in the region. This would occur not only for
17 those using public transportation systems but for those who would
18 benefit in terms of reduced congestion on highways and other modes.

19 It is the intent of the legislature, through this act and other
20 supporting activities to enhance the coordination of existing public
21 transportation services in the region as well as to provide for new
22 initiatives to enhance service levels, improve cross-jurisdictional
23 services, facilitate the travel on public conveyances throughout the
24 region and reduce impediments to travel among areas in the region. It
25 is the legislature's intent to provide better information to the
26 traveling public, to include the private sector in the enhanced
27 mobility approaches, and to facilitate the use of new technologies for
28 fare collection and information to the extent practical.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.26 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 (1) The transportation improvement board, in consultation with the
32 department of transportation, shall develop a grant process for
33 projects and programs by public and private agencies to enhance
34 mobility on public conveyance in the four most populous contiguous
35 counties connected by an interstate highway.

1 (2) The purpose of the grants is to enhance the information
2 available regarding public transportation services in the region along
3 corridors where there is a significant state interest.

4 (3) The transportation improvement board shall develop requirements
5 for matching grants issued under this section with the intent of
6 encouraging participation of other agencies or parties. However, for
7 public agencies applying for such grants, those agencies must have a
8 local minimum matching requirement of twenty percent.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 47.08 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 The intercity passenger account is created in the transportation
12 fund. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
13 Expenditures from the account may be used only to enhance the
14 connectivity of passenger services in the four most populous contiguous
15 counties connected by an interstate highway in the state, between and
16 among transportation providers serving corridors where there is
17 significant state interest.

18 **Sec. 4.** RCW 35.58.250 and 1965 c 7 s 35.58.250 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) Except in accordance with an agreement made as provided herein,
21 upon the effective date on which the metropolitan municipal corporation
22 commences to perform the metropolitan transportation function, no
23 person or private corporation shall operate a local public passenger
24 transportation service within the metropolitan area with the exception
25 of:

26 (a) Taxis(~~(, and busses)~~);

27 (b) Buses owned or operated by a school district or private
28 school(~~(, and busses)~~);

29 (c) Buses owned or operated by any corporation or organization
30 solely for the purposes of the corporation or organization and for the
31 use of which no fee or fare is charged ; and

32 (d) Buses owned or operated by another municipality, as defined in
33 RCW 35.58.272, operating along regional bus routes that cross one or
34 more jurisdictional boundaries between municipalities located in the
35 four most populous contiguous counties connected by an interstate
36 highway, that may include stops in the routes to embark and disembark

1 passengers, if those routes emanate or terminate within that
2 municipality's boundaries.

3 (2) An agreement may be entered into between the metropolitan
4 municipal corporation and any person or corporation legally operating
5 a local public passenger transportation service wholly within or partly
6 within and partly without the metropolitan area and on said effective
7 date under which such person or corporation may continue to operate
8 such service or any part thereof for such time and upon such terms and
9 conditions as provided in such agreement. Where any such local public
10 passenger transportation service will be required to cease to operate
11 within the metropolitan area, the commission may agree with the owner
12 of such service to purchase the assets used in providing such service,
13 or if no agreement can be reached, the commission shall condemn such
14 assets in the manner provided herein for the condemnation of other
15 properties.

16 (3) Wherever a privately owned public carrier operates wholly or
17 partly within a metropolitan municipal corporation, the Washington
18 utilities and transportation commission shall continue to exercise
19 jurisdiction over such operation as provided by law.

20 **Sec. 5.** RCW 35.92.060 and 1995 c 42 s 1 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 A city or town may also construct, condemn and purchase, purchase,
23 acquire, add to, alter, maintain, operate, or lease cable, electric,
24 and other railways, automobiles, motor cars, motor buses, auto trucks,
25 and any and all other forms or methods of transportation of freight or
26 passengers within the corporate limits of the city or town, and a first
27 class city may also construct, purchase, acquire, add to, alter,
28 maintain, operate, or lease cable, electric, and other railways beyond
29 those corporate limits only within the boundaries of the county in
30 which the city is located and of any adjoining county, for the
31 transportation of freight and passengers above, upon, or underneath the
32 ground. It may also fix, alter, regulate, and control the fares and
33 rates to be charged therefor; and fares or rates may be adjusted or
34 eliminated for any distinguishable class of users including, but not
35 limited to, senior citizens, handicapped persons, and students.
36 Without the payment of any license fee or tax, or the filing of a bond
37 with, or the securing of a permit from, the state, or any department
38 thereof, the city or town may engage in, carry on, and operate the

1 business of transporting and carrying passengers or freight for hire by
2 any method or combination of methods that the legislative authority of
3 any city or town may by ordinance provide, with full authority to
4 regulate and control the use and operation of vehicles or other
5 agencies of transportation used for such business except for buses
6 owned or operated by another municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272,
7 operating along regional bus routes that cross one or more
8 jurisdictional boundaries between municipalities located in the four
9 most populous contiguous counties connected by an interstate highway,
10 that may include stops in the routes to embark and disembark
11 passengers, if those routes emanate or terminate within that
12 municipality's boundaries.

13 **Sec. 6.** RCW 36.57A.100 and 1977 ex.s. c 44 s 4 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) Except in accordance with an agreement made as provided in this
16 section or in accordance with the provisions of RCW 36.57A.090(3) (~~as~~
17 ~~now or hereafter amended~~), upon the effective date on which the public
18 transportation benefit area commences to perform the public
19 transportation service, no person or private corporation shall operate
20 a local public passenger transportation service within the public
21 transportation benefit area with the exception of:

22 (a) Taxis(~~(and)~~);

23 (b) Buses owned or operated by a school district or private
24 school(~~(and)~~);

25 (c) Buses owned or operated by any corporation or organization
26 solely for the purposes of the corporation or organization and for the
27 use of which no fee or fare is charged ; and

28 (d) Buses owned or operated by another municipality, as defined in
29 RCW 35.58.272, operating along regional bus routes that cross one or
30 more jurisdictional boundaries between municipalities located in the
31 four most populous contiguous counties connected by an interstate
32 highway, that may include stops in the routes to embark and disembark
33 passengers, if those routes emanate or terminate within that
34 municipality's boundaries.

35 (2) An agreement may be entered into between the public
36 transportation benefit area authority and any person or corporation
37 legally operating a local public passenger transportation service
38 wholly within or partly within and partly without the public

1 transportation benefit area and on said effective date under which such
2 person or corporation may continue to operate such service or any part
3 thereof for such time and upon such terms and conditions as provided in
4 such agreement. Such agreement shall provide for a periodic review of
5 the terms and conditions contained therein. Where any such local
6 public passenger transportation service will be required to cease to
7 operate within the public transportation benefit area, the public
8 transportation benefit area authority may agree with the owner of such
9 service to purchase the assets used in providing such service, or if no
10 agreement can be reached, the public transportation benefit area
11 authority shall condemn such assets in the manner and by the same
12 procedure as is or may be provided by law for the condemnation of other
13 properties for cities of the first class, except insofar as such laws
14 may be inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

15 (3) Wherever a privately owned public carrier operates wholly or
16 partly within a public transportation benefit area, the Washington
17 utilities and transportation commission shall continue to exercise
18 jurisdiction over such operation as provided by law.

19 **Sec. 7.** RCW 81.112.090 and 1992 c 101 s 9 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 Except in accordance with an agreement made as provided in this
22 section, upon the date an authority begins high capacity transportation
23 service, no person or private corporation may operate a high capacity
24 transportation service within the authority boundary with the exception
25 of: (1) Services owned or operated by any corporation or organization
26 solely for the purposes of the corporation or organization and for the
27 use of which no fee or fare is charged; and (2) buses owned or operated
28 by a municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, operating along
29 regional bus routes that cross one or more jurisdictional boundaries
30 between municipalities located in the four most populous contiguous
31 counties connected by an interstate highway, that may include stops in
32 the routes to embark and disembark passengers, if those routes emanate
33 or terminate within that municipality's boundaries, and if any part of
34 the service area of the municipality is not included in the boundaries
35 of the authority.

36 The authority and any person or corporation legally operating a
37 high capacity transportation service wholly within or partly within and
38 partly without the authority boundary on the date an authority begins

1 high capacity transportation service may enter into an agreement under
2 which such person or corporation may continue to operate such service
3 or any part thereof for such time and upon such terms and conditions as
4 provided in such agreement. Such agreement shall provide for a
5 periodic review of the terms and conditions contained therein. Where
6 any such high capacity transportation service will be required to cease
7 to operate within the authority boundary, the authority may agree with
8 the owner of such service to purchase the assets used in providing such
9 service, or if no agreement can be reached, an authority shall condemn
10 such assets in the manner and by the same procedure as is or may be
11 provided by law for the condemnation of other properties for cities of
12 the first class, except insofar as such laws may be inconsistent with
13 this chapter.

14 Wherever a privately owned public carrier operates wholly or partly
15 within an authority boundary, the Washington utilities and
16 transportation commission shall continue to exercise jurisdiction over
17 such operation as provided by law.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Municipalities in the state, as defined in
19 RCW 35.58.272, that are located in the four most populous contiguous
20 counties connected by an interstate highway, shall prepare and
21 distribute by July 1, 1997, a brochure providing scheduling information
22 that shall address methods to travel among the counties on public
23 conveyances. This document shall address, at minimum, interconnecting
24 bus schedules operated by those municipalities, intercity bus
25 operations, airporter services, passenger trains, and ferry system
26 connections. This document shall be made available to the public in
27 order to facilitate the use of those providers in the travel of persons
28 throughout the region.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The department of transportation in
30 cooperation with the department of general administration and other
31 appropriate jurisdictions shall evaluate the feasibility of
32 establishment of a pilot project to provide shuttle services connecting
33 the state capitol with major state government destination sites and
34 other appropriate facilities in the central Puget Sound region. The
35 department of transportation shall report back to the legislature its
36 findings by December 1, 1996.

