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SENATE BILL 6128

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By Senators McDonald, Snyder, Prince, Haugen, Patterson, Goings, Oke, Jacobsen, Prentice, Heavey, Rasmussen, Morton, Sellar, Horn, Schow and Benton

Read first time 01/12/98. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to the legislative transportation committee;
- 2 amending RCW 44.40.010; and providing an effective date.

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- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 Sec. 1. RCW 44.40.010 and 1980 c 87 s 39 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 The joint fact-finding committee on highways, streets, and bridges
- originally created by chapter 111, Laws of 1947, recreated and renamed
- 8 the joint committee on highways by chapter 3, Laws
- extraordinary session, is hereby recreated and renamed the legislative 10 transportation committee. The renaming of said committee shall not
- affect any powers invested in it or its duties imposed upon it by any 11
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- other statute. All appropriations made to the committee under its
- 13 former name shall continue to be available to said committee as 14 renamed, the legislative transportation committee. The committee shall
- 15 consist of ((eleven)) twelve senators to be appointed by the president
- of the senate and twelve members of the house of representatives to be 16
- 17 appointed by the speaker thereof. Not more than six members from each
- 18 house may be from the same political party. A list of appointees shall
- be submitted before the close of each regular legislative session 19

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- 1 during an odd-numbered year or any successive special session convened
- 2 by the governor or the legislature prior to the close of such regular
- 3 session or successive special session(s) for confirmation of senate
- 4 members, by the senate, and house members, by the house. Vacancies
- 5 occurring shall be filled by the appointing authority. All such
- 6 vacancies must be filled from the same political party and from the
- 7 same house as the member whose seat was vacated.
- 8 The chair will be elected biennially by the membership of the
- 9 committee. Each succeeding chair must be from the opposite house of
- 10 the current chair, with the first chair elected from the membership
- 11 appointed at the close of the 1999 legislative session, or any
- 12 <u>successive special session convened by the governor or the legislature</u>,
- 13 to be from the house of representatives.
- 14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect April 1, 1999.

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