
SENATE BILL 5955

State of Washington 56th Legislature 1999 Regular Session

By Senators Snyder, Haugen, McDonald, Benton and Prentice

Read first time 02/17/1999. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to the legislative transportation committee;
2 amending RCW 44.40.010; and adding a new section to chapter 44.40 RCW.

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
7 originally created by chapter 111, Laws of 1947, recreated and renamed
8 the joint committee on highways by chapter 3, Laws of 1963
9 extraordinary session, is hereby recreated and renamed the legislative
10 transportation committee. The renaming of said committee shall not
11 affect any powers invested in it or its duties imposed upon it by any
12 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
16 of the senate and twelve members of the house of representatives to be
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
19 be submitted before the close of each regular legislative session

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 vacancies
6 must be filled from the same political party and from the same house as
7 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, and be from the majority party. The vice-chair must
11 be from the opposite house and the opposite political party.

12 The committee shall adopt rules and procedures for its orderly
13 operation.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 44.40 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 The members of the legislative transportation committee shall form
17 an executive committee consisting of two members from each of the four
18 major political caucuses, which will include the chair and vice-chair
19 of the legislative transportation committee. There will be four
20 alternates to the executive committee, one from each of the four major
21 political caucuses. Each alternate may represent a member from the
22 same political caucus from which they were chosen when that member is
23 absent, and have voting privileges during that absence.

24 The executive committee is responsible for performing all general
25 administrative and personnel duties assigned to it in the rules and
26 procedures adopted by the committee, as well as other duties delegated
27 to it by the committee. Except when those responsibilities are assumed
28 by the legislative transportation committee, the executive committee is
29 responsible for adopting interim work plans and meeting schedules,
30 approving all contracts signed on behalf of the committee, approving
31 policies for travel of members and staff, and setting policies for
32 staff utilization.

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