
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1960

State of Washington

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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Murray, Jarrett, Cooper, Dickerson and Hudgins)

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1 AN ACT Relating to regional transportation governance; and creating
2 new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to study whether the
5 creation of a Puget Sound regional transportation district governed by
6 an elected board would lead to better use of transportation resources
7 and whether this district would improve transportation planning and
8 governance in the Puget Sound region.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Subject to legislative funding, the
10 legislative transportation committee shall conduct a study to determine
11 whether the creation of a Puget Sound regional transportation district
12 governed by an elected board would lead to better use of transportation
13 resources and whether this district would improve transportation
14 planning and governance in the region. The study shall:

15 (1) Review current local and regional transportation planning and
16 governance structures located in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap
17 counties;

1 (2) Review the interaction between state transportation planning
2 and governance and the local and regional structures in King, Pierce,
3 Snohomish, and Kitsap counties;

4 (3) Examine whether an elected board assuming the functions of the
5 current metropolitan planning organization and the current regional
6 transportation planning organization would improve transportation
7 planning;

8 (4) Examine whether the state should consider delegating state
9 transportation planning for the region to an elected board;

10 (5) Examine whether an elected board would provide more efficient
11 and accountable governance than the current board of the regional
12 transportation investment district;

13 (6) Examine how the size of the board, and whether the board was
14 elected by council districts, would influence transportation
15 governance;

16 (7) Examine the elected board assuming the governance of local
17 transit districts in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties would
18 provide more efficient transportation governance; and

19 (8) Examine whether lesser steps than transferral of governing
20 authority over local transit districts or the regional transportation
21 investment district, such as coordination of existing transportation
22 planning, operations, and services, might enhance transportation
23 efficiency.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislative transportation committee
25 shall report the results of its study to the transportation committees
26 of the house of representatives and senate by December 10, 2003. The
27 legislative transportation committee may report electronically, and
28 shall post its report on its web site.

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