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HOUSE BILL 1961

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By Representatives Murray, Quall and Dickerson

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1            AN ACT Relating to performance audits of regional transit  
2 authorities; and adding a new section to chapter 81.112 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 81.112 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            The governing board of an authority implementing a high-capacity  
7 transportation system plan developed under chapter 81.104 RCW shall  
8 appoint an administrative auditor and shall retain a qualified firm or  
9 firms to conduct performance audits. A firm conducting an audit must  
10 be independent and not have an interest, direct or indirect, in a  
11 contract with the authority other than its employment. No member or  
12 employee of the firm may be connected with the authority as an officer,  
13 employee, or contractor. The administrative auditor and the firm or  
14 firms shall be independently and directly responsible to the governing  
15 board. The board shall require a firm to conduct continuing audits of  
16 the methods, procedures, and organization used by the agency to control  
17 costs, schedules, productivity, contract amendments, project design,  
18 and any other topics deemed desirable by the board. The board may also  
19 require a firm to analyze particular technical aspects of the

1 authority's projects and contract amendments. The firm or firms shall  
2 provide advice to the board in its management and control of the  
3 authority. At least once each year, the firm or firms shall prepare  
4 and furnish a report of its actions and recommendations to the board  
5 for the purpose of enabling it to attain the highest degree of  
6 efficiency in the management and control of any high-capacity  
7 transportation system being planned, designed, under construction, or  
8 in operation. The administrative auditor shall assist the firm or  
9 firms in the performance of its duties. The administrative auditor and  
10 the firm or firms shall consult regularly with the board and furnish  
11 any information or data to the board that the administrative auditor,  
12 firm, or governing board deems helpful in accomplishing the purpose  
13 stated in this section. The administrative auditor shall perform such  
14 other duties as the board prescribes to accomplish the purposes of this  
15 section.

16 Upon the concurrent request of the chair of the house  
17 transportation committee and the chair of the senate highways and  
18 transportation committee, the operating agency shall report to the  
19 committees on a quarterly basis.

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