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By Senators Jacobsen, Shin, and Marr

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1            AN ACT Relating to adding personal rapid transit and magnetic  
2 levitation transit systems to the definition of rail fixed guideway  
3 system; and amending RCW 81.104.015.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.104.015 and 1999 c 202 s 9 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
8 this section apply throughout this chapter.

9            (1) "High-capacity transportation system" means a system of public  
10 transportation services within an urbanized region operating  
11 principally on exclusive rights of way, and the supporting services and  
12 facilities necessary to implement such a system, including interim  
13 express services and high occupancy vehicle lanes, which taken as a  
14 whole, provides a substantially higher level of passenger capacity,  
15 speed, and service frequency than traditional public transportation  
16 systems operating principally in general purpose roadways.

17            (2) "Rail fixed guideway system" means a light, heavy, or rapid  
18 rail system, monorail, inclined plane, funicular, trolley, systems  
19 using various magnetic levitation technologies, personal rapid

1 transportation systems operating on fixed guideways, or other fixed  
2 rail guideway component of a high-capacity transportation system that  
3 is not regulated by the federal railroad administration, or its  
4 successor. "Rail fixed guideway system" does not mean elevators,  
5 moving sidewalks or stairs, and vehicles suspended from aerial cables,  
6 unless they are an integral component of a station served by a rail  
7 fixed guideway system.

8 (3) "Regional transit system" means a high-capacity transportation  
9 system under the jurisdiction of one or more transit agencies except  
10 where a regional transit authority created under chapter 81.112 RCW  
11 exists, in which case "regional transit system" means the high-capacity  
12 transportation system under the jurisdiction of a regional transit  
13 authority.

14 (4) "Transit agency" means city-owned transit systems, county  
15 transportation authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations, and  
16 public transportation benefit areas.

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