

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2252**

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TRANSPORTATION FARES--PROOF OF PAYMENT

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Yeas 95 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Yeas 46 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2252** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**State of Washington**                      **62nd Legislature**                      **2012 Regular Session**

**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative Fitzgibbon)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/12.

1            AN ACT Relating to proof of payment for certain transportation  
2 fares; amending RCW 35.58.580, 36.57A.230, 81.112.220, and 42.56.330;  
3 and prescribing penalties.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.58.580 and 2008 c 123 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) Persons traveling on public transportation operated by a  
8 metropolitan municipal corporation or a city-owned transit system shall  
9 pay the fare established by the metropolitan municipal corporation or  
10 the city-owned transit system and shall produce proof of payment in  
11 accordance with the terms of use established by the metropolitan  
12 municipal corporation or the city-owned transit system. Such persons  
13 shall produce proof of payment when requested by a person designated to  
14 monitor fare payment. The required manner of producing proof of  
15 payment specified in the terms of use established by the metropolitan  
16 municipal corporation or the city-owned transit system may include, but  
17 is not limited to, requiring a person using an electronic fare payment  
18 card to validate the card by presenting the card to an electronic card

1 reader before or upon entering a public transportation vehicle or a  
2 restricted fare paid area.

3 (2) The following constitute civil infractions punishable according  
4 to the schedule of fines and penalties established by a metropolitan  
5 municipal corporation or a city-owned transit system under RCW  
6 35.58.585:

7 (a) Failure to pay the required fare, except when a metropolitan  
8 municipal corporation or a city-owned transit system under RCW  
9 35.58.585 fails to meet the requirements of subsection (3) of this  
10 section;

11 (b) Failure to ((display)) produce proof of payment in the manner  
12 required by the terms of use established by the metropolitan municipal  
13 corporation or the city-owned transit system including, but not limited  
14 to, the failure to produce a validated fare payment card when requested  
15 to do so by a person designated to monitor fare payment; and

16 (c) Failure to depart the bus or other mode of public  
17 transportation when requested to do so by a person designated to  
18 monitor fare payment.

19 (3) If fare payment is required before entering a transit vehicle,  
20 as defined in RCW 9.91.025(2)(b), or before entering a fare paid area  
21 in a transit facility, as defined in RCW 9.91.025(2)(a), signage must  
22 be conspicuously posted at the place of boarding or within ten feet of  
23 the nearest entrance to a transit facility that clearly indicates: (a)  
24 The locations where tickets or fare media may be purchased; and (b)  
25 that a person using an electronic fare payment card must present the  
26 card to an electronic card reader before entering a transit vehicle or  
27 before entering a restricted fare paid area.

28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.57A.230 and 2008 c 123 s 6 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 (1) Persons traveling on public transportation operated by a public  
31 transportation benefit area shall pay the fare established by the  
32 public transportation benefit area and shall produce proof of payment  
33 in accordance with the terms of use established by the public  
34 transportation benefit area. Such persons shall produce proof of  
35 payment when requested by a person designated to monitor fare payment.  
36 The required manner of producing proof of payment specified in the  
37 terms of use established by the public transportation benefit area may

1 include, but is not limited to, requiring a person using an electronic  
2 fare payment card to validate the card by presenting the card to an  
3 electronic card reader before or upon entering a public transportation  
4 vehicle or a restricted fare paid area.

5 (2) The following constitute civil infractions punishable according  
6 to the schedule of fines and penalties established by a public  
7 transportation benefit area under RCW 36.57A.235:

8 (a) Failure to pay the required fare, except when a public  
9 transportation benefit area fails to meet the requirements of  
10 subsection (3) of this section;

11 (b) Failure to ((display)) produce proof of payment in the manner  
12 required by the terms of use established by the public transportation  
13 benefit area including, but not limited to, the failure to produce a  
14 validated fare payment card when requested to do so by a person  
15 designated to monitor fare payment; and

16 (c) Failure to depart the bus or other mode of public  
17 transportation when requested to do so by a person designated to  
18 monitor fare payment.

19 (3) If fare payment is required before entering a transit vehicle,  
20 as defined in RCW 9.91.025(2)(b), or before entering a fare paid area  
21 in a transit facility, as defined in RCW 9.91.025(2)(a), signage must  
22 be conspicuously posted at the place of boarding or within ten feet of  
23 the nearest entrance to a transit facility that clearly indicates: (a)  
24 The locations where tickets or fare media may be purchased; and (b)  
25 that a person using an electronic fare payment card must present the  
26 card to an electronic card reader before entering a transit vehicle or  
27 before entering a restricted fare paid area.

28 **Sec. 3.** RCW 81.112.220 and 2009 c 279 s 6 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 (1) Persons traveling on facilities operated by an authority shall  
31 pay the fare established by the authority and shall produce proof of  
32 payment in accordance with the terms of use established by the  
33 authority. Such persons shall produce proof of payment when requested  
34 by a person designated to monitor fare payment. The required manner of  
35 producing proof of payment specified in the terms of use established by  
36 the authority may include, but is not limited to, requiring a person  
37 using an electronic fare payment card to validate the card by

1 presenting the card to an electronic card reader before or upon  
2 entering a public transportation vehicle or a restricted fare paid  
3 area.

4 (2) The following constitute civil infractions punishable according  
5 to the schedule of fines and penalties established by the authority  
6 under RCW 81.112.210(1):

7 (a) Failure to pay the required fare, except when the authority  
8 fails to meet the requirements of subsection (3) of this section;

9 (b) Failure to ((display)) produce proof of payment in the manner  
10 required by the terms of use established by the authority including,  
11 but not limited to, the failure to produce a validated fare payment  
12 card when requested to do so by a person designated to monitor fare  
13 payment; and

14 (c) Failure to depart the facility when requested to do so by a  
15 person designated to monitor fare payment.

16 (3) If fare payment is required before entering a transit vehicle,  
17 as defined in RCW 9.91.025(2)(b), or before entering a fare paid area  
18 in a transit facility, as defined in RCW 9.91.025(2)(a), signage must  
19 be conspicuously posted at the place of boarding or within ten feet of  
20 the nearest entrance to a transit facility that clearly indicates: (a)  
21 The locations where tickets or fare media may be purchased; and (b)  
22 that a person using an electronic fare payment card must present the  
23 card to an electronic card reader before entering a transit vehicle or  
24 before entering a restricted fare paid area.

25 **Sec. 4.** RCW 42.56.330 and 2010 c 128 s 8 are each amended to read  
26 as follows:

27 The following information relating to public utilities and  
28 transportation is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

29 (1) Records filed with the utilities and transportation commission  
30 or attorney general under RCW 80.04.095 that a court has determined are  
31 confidential under RCW 80.04.095;

32 (2) The residential addresses and residential telephone numbers of  
33 the customers of a public utility contained in the records or lists  
34 held by the public utility of which they are customers, except that  
35 this information may be released to the division of child support or  
36 the agency or firm providing child support enforcement for another

1 state under Title IV-D of the federal social security act, for the  
2 establishment, enforcement, or modification of a support order;

3 (3) The names, residential addresses, residential telephone  
4 numbers, and other individually identifiable records held by an agency  
5 in relation to a vanpool, carpool, or other ride-sharing program or  
6 service; however, these records may be disclosed to other persons who  
7 apply for ride-matching services and who need that information in order  
8 to identify potential riders or drivers with whom to share rides;

9 (4) The personally identifying information of current or former  
10 participants or applicants in a paratransit or other transit service  
11 operated for the benefit of persons with disabilities or elderly  
12 persons;

13 (5) The personally identifying information of persons who acquire  
14 and use transit passes (~~and~~) or other fare payment media including,  
15 but not limited to, stored value smart cards and magnetic strip cards,  
16 except that an agency may disclose (~~this~~) personally identifying  
17 information to a person, employer, educational institution, or other  
18 entity that is responsible, in whole or in part, for payment of the  
19 cost of acquiring or using a transit pass or other fare payment media  
20 for the purpose of preventing fraud, or to the news media when  
21 reporting on public transportation or public safety. As used in this  
22 subsection, "personally identifying information" includes acquisition  
23 or use information pertaining to a specific, individual transit pass or  
24 fare payment media.

25 (a) (~~This~~) Information regarding the acquisition or use of  
26 transit passes or fare payment media may be disclosed in aggregate form  
27 if the data does not contain any personally identifying information.

28 (b) Personally identifying information may be released to law  
29 enforcement agencies if the request is accompanied by a court order;

30 (6) Any information obtained by governmental agencies that is  
31 collected by the use of a motor carrier intelligent transportation  
32 system or any comparable information equipment attached to a truck,  
33 tractor, or trailer; however, the information may be given to other  
34 governmental agencies or the owners of the truck, tractor, or trailer  
35 from which the information is obtained. As used in this subsection,  
36 "motor carrier" has the same definition as provided in RCW 81.80.010;

37 (7) The personally identifying information of persons who acquire  
38 and use transponders or other technology to facilitate payment of

1 tolls. This information may be disclosed in aggregate form as long as  
2 the data does not contain any personally identifying information. For  
3 these purposes aggregate data may include the census tract of the  
4 account holder as long as any individual personally identifying  
5 information is not released. Personally identifying information may be  
6 released to law enforcement agencies only for toll enforcement  
7 purposes. Personally identifying information may be released to law  
8 enforcement agencies for other purposes only if the request is  
9 accompanied by a court order; and

10 (8) The personally identifying information of persons who acquire  
11 and use a driver's license or identicard that includes a radio  
12 frequency identification chip or similar technology to facilitate  
13 border crossing. This information may be disclosed in aggregate form  
14 as long as the data does not contain any personally identifying  
15 information. Personally identifying information may be released to law  
16 enforcement agencies only for United States customs and border  
17 protection enforcement purposes. Personally identifying information  
18 may be released to law enforcement agencies for other purposes only if  
19 the request is accompanied by a court order.

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