
Transportation Committee

HB 2111

Brief Description: Concerning the enforcement of regional transit authority fares.

Sponsors: Representatives Farrell, Hayes, Fey, Rodne, Zeiger, Fitzgibbon, Morrell, Jinkins, Moscoso, Ryu and Freeman.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows a regional transit authority to proscribe the size, content, and format for citations issued from electronic hand-held devices that are related to fares.
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Hearing Date: 1/21/14

Staff: David Munnecke (786-7315).

Background:

Regional transit authorities (RTAs) are authorized to set fines and penalties for civil infractions established under the RTA statute. Fines established by a RTA may not exceed the amount established in statute for a Class 1 civil infraction, which is currently \$250, before the addition of any statutory assessments, except in certain circumstances. A RTA may issue a civil infraction only for those prohibited activities included in the RTA statutes, which include: failure to pay the required fare, failure to display proof of payment when requested to do so by an authorized RTA employee, and failure to leave a facility when requested to do so by an individual authorized to monitor fare payment.

Summary of Bill:

The RTAs are authorized to proscribe the size, content, and format for citations issued from electronic hand-held devices that are related to:

- failure to pay the required fare;
- failure to provide proof of payment in the manner required; and

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- failure to depart the facility when requested to do so by a person designated to monitor fare payment.

The citation form must include only the required content related to fare payment civil infractions issued by the RTAs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 13, 2014.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.