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By Representatives Pike, Wilson, Orcutt, Manweller, Zeiger, Hargrove, Vick, and Shea

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1 AN ACT Relating to certain legislators' participation on regional  
2 transportation planning organization transportation policy boards;  
3 amending RCW 47.80.040; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Every legislator advocates for the needs  
6 of their constituents during the legislative session. The knowledge  
7 of what these needs are is valuable in other contexts as well, which  
8 is why every legislator is currently a member of the transportation  
9 policy board of the regional transportation planning organization  
10 that serves their legislative district. However, as nonvoting  
11 members, legislators' influence on transportation policy boards is  
12 more limited than it should be. The legislature finds that granting  
13 one legislator from each district voting status on the regional  
14 transportation planning districts' transportation policy boards will  
15 allow the needs of the constituents of every legislative district to  
16 be better heard and better met in organizations that play a  
17 fundamental role in shaping the transportation system of every region  
18 of the state.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.80.040 and 2003 c 351 s 1 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

1        Each regional transportation planning organization shall create a  
2 transportation policy board. Transportation policy boards shall  
3 provide policy advice to the regional transportation planning  
4 organization and shall allow representatives of major employers  
5 within the region, the department of transportation, transit  
6 districts, port districts, and member cities, towns, and counties  
7 within the region to participate in policy making. Any members of the  
8 house of representatives or the state senate whose districts are  
9 wholly or partly within the boundaries of the regional transportation  
10 planning organization are considered ex officio, nonvoting policy  
11 board members of the regional transportation planning organization,  
12 except that one legislator from each district that is wholly or  
13 partly within the boundaries of the regional transportation planning  
14 organization must be designated by the senator from that district as  
15 a voting board member. This does not preclude other legislators from  
16 becoming full-time, voting board members. Legislative members of the  
17 board are not considered for purposes of determining a quorum.

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