CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5649**

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65th Legislature

2017 Regular Session

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS--FORMATION ELIGIBILITY

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/2017

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| Passed by the Senate February 27, 2017Yeas 49 Nays 0CYRUS HABIB**President of the Senate**Passed by the House April 6, 2017Yeas 94 Nays 3FRANK CHOPP**Speaker of the House of Representatives** | CERTIFICATEI, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5649** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.HUNTER G. GOODMAN**Chief Clerk** |
| Approved April 19, 2017 11:40 AM | April 19, 2017 |
| JAY INSLEE**Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State** **State of Washington** |

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**By** Senators Hawkins and Saldaña

AN ACT Relating to modifying the eligibility requirements for certain counties to form a regional transportation planning organization; and amending RCW 47.80.020.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 47.80.020 and 2016 c 27 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature hereby authorizes creation of regional transportation planning organizations within the state. Each regional transportation planning organization shall be formed through the voluntary association of local governments within a county, or within geographically contiguous counties. Each organization shall:

(1) Encompass at least one complete county;

(2)(a) Have a population of at least one hundred thousand, (b) have a population of at least seventy-five thousand and contain a Washington state ferries terminal, (c) have a population of at least forty thousand and cover a geographic area of at least five thousand square miles, or (d) contain a minimum of three counties; and

(3) Have as members all counties within the region, and at least sixty percent of the cities and towns within the region representing a minimum of seventy-five percent of the cities' and towns' population.

The state department of transportation must verify that each regional transportation planning organization conforms with the requirements of this section.

In urbanized areas, the regional transportation planning organization is the same as the metropolitan planning organization designated for federal transportation planning purposes.

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