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By Senator Hunt

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1 AN ACT Relating to adding new counties to a regional transit  
2 authority; and amending RCW 81.112.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.112.050 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 328 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) At the time of formation, the area to be included within the  
7 boundary of the authority shall be that area set forth in the system  
8 plan adopted by the joint regional policy committee. Prior to  
9 submitting the system and financing plan to the voters, the authority  
10 may make adjustments to the boundaries as deemed appropriate but must  
11 assure that, to the extent possible, the boundaries: (a) Include the  
12 largest-population urban growth area designated by each county under  
13 chapter 36.70A RCW; and (b) follow election precinct boundaries. If a  
14 portion of any city is determined to be within the service area, the  
15 entire city must be included within the boundaries of the authority.  
16 Subsequent to formation, when territory is annexed to a city located  
17 within the boundaries of the authority, the territory is  
18 simultaneously included within the boundaries of the authority and  
19 subject to all taxes and other liabilities and obligations applicable  
20 within the city with respect to the authority as provided in RCW

1 35.13.500 and 35A.14.475, subject to RCW 84.09.030 and 82.14.055, and  
2 notwithstanding any other provision of law.

3 (2)(a) After voters within the authority boundaries have approved  
4 the system and financing plan, elections to add areas contiguous to  
5 the authority boundaries may be called by resolution of the regional  
6 transit authority, after consultation with affected transit agencies  
7 and with the concurrence of the legislative authority of the city or  
8 town if the area is incorporated, or with the concurrence of the  
9 county legislative authority if the area is unincorporated. Only  
10 those areas that would benefit from the services provided by the  
11 authority may be included and services or projects proposed for the  
12 area must be consistent with the regional transportation plan. The  
13 election may include a single ballot proposition providing for  
14 annexation to the authority boundaries and imposition of the taxes at  
15 rates already imposed within the authority boundaries, subject to RCW  
16 84.09.030 and 82.14.055.

17 (b)(i) Elections to add counties or portions of counties west of  
18 the crest of the Cascade mountains that are contiguous with counties  
19 already within the authority boundaries may be called by resolution  
20 of the regional transit authority, after consultation with affected  
21 transit agencies and with the concurrence of the legislative  
22 authority of the city or town if the area is incorporated, the  
23 concurrence of the county legislative authority if the area is  
24 unincorporated, or with the concurrence of each of the affected  
25 legislative authorities if the area contains both incorporated and  
26 unincorporated areas. Only those areas that would benefit from the  
27 services provided by the authority may be included, and services or  
28 projects proposed for the area must be consistent with the regional  
29 transportation plan. The election may include a single ballot  
30 proposition providing for annexation to the authority boundaries and  
31 imposition of the taxes at rates already imposed within the authority  
32 boundaries. The boundaries of any annexations that occur pursuant to  
33 this subsection (2)(b) must follow one or more of the following:  
34 Visible physical geography, such as streets; school district  
35 boundaries; or precinct boundaries.

36 (ii) Any county or portion of a county added to the authority  
37 pursuant to this subsection (2)(b) is considered a separate

1 transportation subarea for purposes of any transportation subarea  
2 equity element utilized by the authority.

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