
SENATE BILL 5649

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By Senators Hawkins and Saldaña

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

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

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

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

12 (1) Encompass at least one complete county;

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

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

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

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

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