

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2001

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 29, 1993

**Brief Description:** Clarifying voter-approval procedures for transit agencies.

**SPONSORS:** Representatives H. Myers and R. Fisher

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Vognild, Chairman; Loveland, Vice Chairman; Skratek, Vice Chairman; Barr, Drew, Haugen, Nelson, Oke, Prentice, Prince, M. Rasmussen, Sheldon, von Reichbauer, and Winsley.

**Staff:** Brian McMorrow (786-7304)

**Hearing Dates:** March 29, 1993

**BACKGROUND:**

The High Capacity Transit Act is unclear as to how to gain voter approval for a high capacity system and financing plans when the service area includes another country or state. This problem has emerged because Clark County and Portland transit systems may form a bi-state high capacity transportation system. Local officials in Clark County want to make certain that the act clearly defines the body of voters from whom they must seek approval.

**SUMMARY:**

Transit agencies that plan to form a high capacity transit system with another state or country must gain approval only from residents living within the service area that is in Washington State.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

This bill is necessary to correct an oversight in a previous year's legislation. The bill would clearly define to whom Clark County must ask for approval for its portion of the high capacity transportation system.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Chuck Williams, C-TRAN