

6078-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Heavey, Prince and Owen)

Brief Description: Representing regional transit authority projects.

SB 6078-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS PASSED LEGISLATURE)

Provides that regional transit authorities, when making public representations about a proposed project, shall not imply the availability of state or federal funds unless those funds have been specifically authorized.

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 6078-S

March 30, 1996

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6078 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the public presentation of information regarding regional transit authority projects;"

Substitute Senate Bill No. 6078 requires that public presentations made about available revenues to support a regional transit authority project cannot include state or federal revenue assumptions unless the money has already been authorized. This restriction is counter to the current federal policy that the local option funding be secured before Congress authorizes federal revenues for regional transit projects.

Clark County Transit (C-TRAN) in Vancouver and other Washington multi-modal transportation systems should not be forced to make incomplete financial assumptions about financing as they develop their regional transportation system plans. Substitute Senate Bill No. 6078 would tie the hands of the regional transit authorities as they implement critical local and regional transit projects.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Substitute Senate Bill No. 6078 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lowry
Governor