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By Senators Benton, Chase, Rivers, Padden, Roach, Holmquist Newbry, Sheldon, Becker, and Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to voter approval of a high capacity transportation
2 system plan and financing plan; and amending RCW 81.104.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.104.030 and 1995 2nd sp.s. c 14 s 541 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) In any county that has a population of one hundred seventy-five
7 thousand or more and has an interstate highway within its borders,
8 except for any county having a population of more than one million or
9 a county that has a population more than four hundred thousand and is
10 adjacent to a county with a population of more than one million,
11 transit agencies may elect to establish high capacity transportation
12 service. Such agencies shall form a regional policy committee with
13 proportional representation based upon population distribution within
14 the designated service area and a representative of the department of
15 transportation, or such agencies may use the designated metropolitan
16 planning organization as the regional policy committee.

17 Transit agencies participating in joint regional policy committees
18 shall seek voter approval within their own service boundaries of a high
19 capacity transportation system plan and financing plan. If the

1 proposal for a high capacity transportation system plan and financing
2 plan is rejected by the voters, the proposing transit agency may not
3 devote any time or resources to the further development of the high
4 capacity transportation system plan and financing plan until the voters
5 approve the proposal. For transit agencies in counties adjoining state
6 or international boundaries where the high capacity transportation
7 system plan and financing plan propose a bistate or international high
8 capacity transportation system, such voter approval shall be required
9 from only those voters residing within the service area in the state of
10 Washington.

11 (2) Transit agencies in counties adjoining state or international
12 boundaries are authorized to participate in the regional high capacity
13 transportation programs of an adjoining state or Canadian province.

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