
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5159

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to adding personal rapid transit and magnetic
2 levitation transit systems to the definition of rail fixed guideway
3 system; and amending RCW 81.104.015.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.104.015 and 1999 c 202 s 9 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
8 this section apply throughout this chapter.

9 (1) "High-capacity transportation system" means a system of public
10 transportation services within an urbanized region operating
11 principally on exclusive rights of way, and the supporting services and
12 facilities necessary to implement such a system, including interim
13 express services and high occupancy vehicle lanes, which taken as a
14 whole, provides a substantially higher level of passenger capacity,
15 speed, and service frequency than traditional public transportation
16 systems operating principally in general purpose roadways.

17 (2) "Rail fixed guideway system" means a light, heavy, or rapid
18 rail system, monorail, inclined plane, funicular, trolley, systems
19 using various magnetic levitation technologies, personal rapid

1 transportation systems operating on fixed guideways, or other fixed
2 rail guideway component of a high-capacity transportation system that
3 is not regulated by the federal railroad administration, or its
4 successor. "Rail fixed guideway system" does not mean elevators,
5 moving sidewalks or stairs, and vehicles suspended from aerial cables,
6 unless they are an integral component of a station served by a rail
7 fixed guideway system.

8 (3) "Regional transit system" means a high-capacity transportation
9 system under the jurisdiction of one or more transit agencies except
10 where a regional transit authority created under chapter 81.112 RCW
11 exists, in which case "regional transit system" means the high-capacity
12 transportation system under the jurisdiction of a regional transit
13 authority.

14 (4) "Transit agency" means city-owned transit systems, county
15 transportation authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations, and
16 public transportation benefit areas.

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