

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1418**

69th Legislature  
2025 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 19, 2025  
Yeas 62 Nays 33

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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Yeas 36 Nays 12

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1418** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Timmons, Ramel, Duerr, Simmons, Parshley, Reed, Doglio, Pollet, Hill, and Donaghy)

READ FIRST TIME 02/11/25.

1       AN ACT Relating to adding two voting members that are transit  
2 users to the governing body of public transportation benefit areas;  
3 amending RCW 36.57A.050; and providing an effective date.

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

5       **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.57A.050 and 2020 c 83 s 2 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7       (1)(a) Within ~~((sixty))~~ 60 days of the establishment of the  
8 boundaries of the public transportation benefit area the members of  
9 the county legislative authority and the elected representative of  
10 each city within the area shall provide for the selection of the  
11 governing body of such area, the public transportation benefit area  
12 authority, which shall consist of elected officials selected by and  
13 serving at the pleasure of the governing bodies of component cities  
14 within the area and the county legislative authority of each county  
15 within the area. Two other transit-using members may be appointed to  
16 the governing body of such area, pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of  
17 this section.

18       (b) The elected official members of the governing body of the  
19 public transportation benefit area, if the population of the county  
20 in which the public transportation benefit area is located is more  
21 than ~~((four hundred thousand))~~ 400,000 and the county does not also

1 contain a city with a population of (~~(seventy-five thousand)~~) 75,000  
2 or more operating a transit system pursuant to chapter 35.95 RCW,  
3 must be selected to assure proportional representation, based on  
4 population, of each of the component cities located within the public  
5 transportation benefit area and the unincorporated areas of the  
6 county located within the public transportation benefit area, to the  
7 extent possible within the restrictions placed on the size of the  
8 governing body of a public transportation benefit area. If necessary  
9 to assure such proportional representation, multiple cities may be  
10 represented by a single elected official from one of the cities. A  
11 majority of the governing board may not be selected to represent a  
12 single component city.

13 (c) If at the time a public transportation benefit area authority  
14 assumes the public transportation functions previously provided under  
15 the interlocal cooperation act (chapter 39.34 RCW) there are citizen  
16 positions on the governing board of the transit system, those  
17 positions may be retained as positions on the governing board of the  
18 public transportation benefit area authority.

19 (2) Within such (~~(sixty-day)~~) 60-day period, any city may by  
20 resolution of its legislative body withdraw from participation in the  
21 public transportation benefit area. The county legislative authority  
22 and each city remaining in the public transportation benefit area may  
23 disapprove and prevent the establishment of any governing body of a  
24 public transportation benefit area if the composition thereof does  
25 not meet its approval.

26 (3)(a) In no case shall the governing body of a single county  
27 public transportation benefit area be greater than (~~(nine)~~) 11 voting  
28 members and in the case of a multicounty area, (~~(fifteen)~~) 17 voting  
29 members. Those cities within the public transportation benefit area  
30 and excluded from direct membership on the authority are hereby  
31 authorized to designate a member of the authority who shall be  
32 entitled to represent the interests of such city which is excluded  
33 from direct membership on the authority. The legislative body of such  
34 city shall notify the authority as to the determination of its  
35 authorized representative on the authority.

36 (b)(i) In addition to the maximum of nine elected official voting  
37 members of the governing body of a single county public  
38 transportation benefit area or 15 elected official voting members of  
39 the governing body, in the case of a multicounty area, there may be  
40 two transit-using voting members appointed to each governing body by

1 the elected official voting members. Transit-using voting members may  
2 not be employees of the transit agency operating under the public  
3 transportation benefit area authority.

4 (ii) One transit-using voting member must primarily rely on  
5 public transportation systems for transportation.

6 (iii) One transit-using voting member must represent a community-  
7 based organization and at least occasionally use public  
8 transportation systems for transportation. If no such representative  
9 in the public transportation benefit area's service area is available  
10 to serve, the governing body must appoint a second transit-using  
11 voting member who meets the requirements of (b)(ii) of this  
12 subsection.

13 (iv) If transit-using voting members are appointed to a governing  
14 body, meetings of the governing body must occur at a time and a place  
15 that are reasonably accessible by transit, in order to facilitate the  
16 participation of the transit-using voting members.

17 (v) Transit-using voting members must be provided comprehensive  
18 training regarding the open public meetings act established in  
19 chapter 42.30 RCW, the public records act established in chapter  
20 42.56 RCW, and chapter 42.23 RCW regarding ethics for municipal  
21 officers, as soon as is reasonably practicable after the member's  
22 appointment.

23 (vi) This subsection (3)(b) does not apply to any public  
24 transportation benefit area authority where there are retained  
25 citizen positions on the governing body, pursuant to subsection  
26 (1)(c) of this section.

27 (c) There is one nonvoting member of the public transportation  
28 benefit area authority. The nonvoting member is recommended by the  
29 labor organization representing the public transportation employees  
30 within the local public transportation system. If the public  
31 transportation employees are represented by more than one labor  
32 organization, all such labor organizations shall select the nonvoting  
33 member by majority vote. The nonvoting member shall comply with all  
34 governing bylaws and policies of the authority. The chair or cochair  
35 of the authority shall exclude the nonvoting member from attending  
36 any executive session held for the purpose of discussing negotiations  
37 with labor organizations. The chair or cochair may exclude the  
38 nonvoting member from attending any other executive session. The  
39 requirement that a nonvoting member be appointed to the governing

body of a public transportation benefit area authority does not apply to an authority that has no employees represented by a labor union.

(4) (a) Each member of the authority is eligible to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and to receive compensation, as set by the authority, in an amount not to exceed ~~((forty-four dollars))~~ \$44 for each day during which the member attends official meetings of the authority or performs prescribed duties approved by the chair of the authority. Except that the authority may, by resolution, increase the payment of per diem compensation to each member from ~~((forty-four dollars))~~ \$44 up to ~~((ninety dollars))~~ \$90 per day or portion of a day for actual attendance at board meetings or for performance of other official services or duties on behalf of the authority. In no event may a member be compensated in any year for more than ~~((seventy-five))~~ 75 days, except the chair who may be paid compensation for not more than ~~((one hundred))~~ 100 days: PROVIDED, That compensation shall not be paid to an elected official or employee of federal, state, or local government who is receiving regular full-time compensation from such government for attending meetings and performing prescribed duties of the authority.

(b) The dollar thresholds established in this section must be adjusted for inflation by the office of financial management every five years, beginning January 1, 2024, based upon changes in the consumer price index during that time period. "Consumer price index" means, for any calendar year, that year's annual average consumer price index, for Washington state, for wage earners and clerical workers, all items, compiled by the bureau of labor and statistics, United States department of labor. If the bureau of labor and statistics develops more than one consumer price index for areas within the state, the index covering the greatest number of people, covering areas exclusively within the boundaries of the state, and including all items shall be used for the adjustments for inflation in this section. The office of financial management must calculate the new dollar threshold and transmit it to the office of the code reviser for publication in the Washington State Register at least one month before the new dollar threshold is to take effect.

(c) A person holding office as commissioner for two or more special purpose districts shall receive only that per diem compensation authorized for one of his or her commissioner positions as compensation for attending an official meeting or conducting

1 official services or duties while representing more than one of his  
2 or her districts. However, such commissioner may receive additional  
3 per diem compensation if approved by resolution of all boards of the  
4 affected commissions.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2026.

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