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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5088**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Benton, Rivers, Holmquist Newbry, Honeyford, and Becker)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the establishment of high capacity  
2 transportation corridor areas; and amending RCW 81.104.200.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.104.200 and 2009 c 280 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) A governing body of a transit agency in a county that has a  
7 population of more than four hundred thousand (~~and that~~), adjoins a  
8 state boundary, and adjoins more than three counties may establish one  
9 or more high capacity transportation corridor areas within all or a  
10 portion of the boundaries of the transit agency establishing the high  
11 capacity transportation corridor area. A high capacity transportation  
12 corridor area may include all or a portion of a city or town as long as  
13 all or a portion of the city or town boundaries are within the  
14 boundaries of the establishing transit agency. The members of the  
15 transit agency governing body proposing to establish the high capacity  
16 transportation corridor area, acting ex officio and independently,  
17 shall constitute the governing body of the high capacity transportation  
18 corridor area.

1 (2) A high capacity transportation corridor area may establish,  
2 finance, and provide a high capacity transportation system within its  
3 boundaries in the same manner as authorized for transit agencies under  
4 this chapter, subject to the following restrictions:

5 (a) Any combined tax rates imposed under this chapter within the  
6 boundaries of the transit agency establishing a high capacity  
7 transportation corridor area or areas may not exceed the maximum rates  
8 authorized under RCW 81.104.150, 81.104.160, and 81.104.170;

9 (b) If a majority of the voters within the boundaries of a high  
10 capacity transportation corridor area approve a proposition imposing  
11 any high capacity transportation taxes, the governing body of the high  
12 capacity transportation corridor area may not seek subsequent voter  
13 approval of any additional high capacity transportation taxes,  
14 notwithstanding any remaining authorized taxing capacity; and

15 (c) The governing body of a high capacity transportation corridor  
16 area may not submit any authorizing proposition for voter-approved  
17 taxes prior to July 1, 2012.

18 (3) A high capacity transportation corridor area constitutes a body  
19 corporate and possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for  
20 public purposes as well as all other powers that may be conferred by  
21 statute including, but not limited to, the authority to hire employees,  
22 staff, and services, to enter into contracts, to acquire, hold, and  
23 dispose of real and personal property, and to sue and be sued. Public  
24 works contract limits applicable to the transit agency that established  
25 the high capacity transportation corridor area apply to the area.

26 (4) A high capacity transportation corridor area may exercise the  
27 power of eminent domain to obtain property for its authorized purposes  
28 in the same manner as authorized for the transit agency that  
29 established the area.

30 (5) A high capacity transportation corridor area may be dissolved  
31 by a majority vote of the governing body when all obligations under any  
32 general obligation bonds issued by the high capacity transportation  
33 corridor area have been discharged and any other contractual  
34 obligations of the high capacity transportation corridor area have  
35 either been discharged or assumed by another governmental entity.

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