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By Senators Mullet, Fain, and Hobbs

1 AN ACT Relating to the enforcement of regional transit authority
2 fares; and amending RCW 81.112.210.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.112.210 and 2009 c 279 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) An authority is authorized to establish, by resolution, a
7 schedule of fines and penalties for civil infractions established in
8 RCW 81.112.220. An authority is authorized to proscribe a standard
9 size, content, and format for citations issued from electronic
10 hand-held devices, provided that the citation form includes only the
11 content required under RCW 7.80.070 that is directly related to fare
12 payment civil infractions under this chapter. Fines established by ((a
13 regional transit)) an authority shall not exceed those imposed for
14 class 1 infractions under RCW 7.80.120.

15 (2)(a) ((A regional transit)) An authority may designate persons to
16 monitor fare payment who are equivalent to and are authorized to
17 exercise all the powers of an enforcement officer, defined in RCW
18 7.80.040. An authority is authorized to employ personnel to either
19 monitor fare payment, or to contract for such services, or both.

1 (b) In addition to the specific powers granted to enforcement
2 officers under RCW 7.80.050 and 7.80.060, persons designated to monitor
3 fare payment also have the authority to take the following actions:
4 (i) Request proof of payment from passengers;
5 (ii) Request personal identification from a passenger who does not
6 produce proof of payment when requested;
7 (iii) Issue a citation conforming to the requirements established
8 in RCW 7.80.070, except as provided in subsection (1) of this section;
9 and
10 (iv) Request that a passenger leave the ((~~regional transit~~))
11 authority facility when the passenger has not produced proof of payment
12 after being asked to do so by a person designated to monitor fare
13 payment.
14 (3) ((~~Regional transit~~)) Authorities shall keep records of
15 citations in the manner prescribed by RCW 7.80.150. All civil
16 infractions established by chapter 20, Laws of 1999 shall be heard and
17 determined by a district or municipal court as provided in RCW 7.80.010
18 (1), (2), and (4).

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