

By Representatives Dickerson and Ericksen

**ESSB 6120** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

1 On page 7, after line 29, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 7. RCW 81.104.015 and 1999 c 202 s 9 are each amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions  
5 in this section apply throughout this chapter.

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

16 (2) "Rail fixed guideway system" means a light, heavy, or  
17 rapid rail system, monorail, inclined plane, funicular, trolley, or  
18 other fixed rail guideway component of a high-capacity  
19 transportation system that is not regulated by the Federal Railroad  
20 Administration, or its successor. "Rail fixed guideway system" does  
21 not mean elevators, moving sidewalks or stairs, and vehicles  
22 suspended from aerial cables, unless they are an integral component  
23 of a station served by a rail fixed guideway system.

24 (3) "Regional transit system" means a high-capacity  
25 transportation system under the jurisdiction of one or more transit  
26 agencies except where a regional transit authority created under  
27 chapter 81.112 RCW exists, in which case "regional transit system"  
28 means the high-capacity transportation system under the  
29 jurisdiction of a regional transit authority.

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

4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to chapter 81.104  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 Counties are authorized to impose with voter approval, by a  
7 simple majority of those voting, dedicated funding sources for  
8 magnetic levitation and personal rapid transit systems as set forth  
9 in RCW 81.104.150, 81.104.160, and 81.104.170. The maximum tax rate  
10 authorized in RCW 81.104.150, 81.104.160, and 81.104.170 is the  
11 maximum allowable rate that may be imposed by all entities in a  
12 county for magnetic levitation and personal rapid transit systems.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter 81.104  
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) Counties implementing magnetic levitation and personal  
16 rapid transit systems are exempt from the population requirements  
17 in RCW 81.104.030.

18 (2) Counties implementing magnetic levitation and personal  
19 rapid transit systems are authorized to utilize public-private partnerships.

20 (3) The department of transportation shall develop, implement,  
21 and administer a grant program for state and federal funding  
22 identified for magnetic levitation systems and personal rapid  
23 transit systems. The speaker of the house of representatives shall  
24 appoint four representatives, two from each legislative caucus, the  
25 president of the senate shall appoint four senators, two from each  
26 legislative caucus, and the governor shall appoint a business  
27 person from private industry and a person with academic credentials  
28 in magnetic levitation and personal rapid transit systems  
29 technology to work with the department of transportation to develop  
30 the criteria for the grant program. To obtain grants through the  
31 grant program, entities shall submit magnetic levitation and  
32 personal rapid transit systems technology design proposals to the  
33 department of transportation and compete for grant funding."

1           Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal  
2 references accordingly. Correct the title.

**EFFECT:** ESSB 6120 is amended to authorize counties to impose dedicated funding sources and to use public-private partnerships for magnetic levitation and personal rapid transit systems. Exempts counties implementing magnetic levitation and personal rapid transit systems from the population requirements otherwise applicable to high capacity transportation systems. Requires the Department of Transportation to establish a grant program for magnetic levitation and personal rapid transit systems with assistance from an appointed board.