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WASHINGTON STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION AMENDING VOTING RIGHTS OF LABOR REPRESENTATIVES ON A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION #2024.09

WHEREAS, current labor representation on a public transportation benefit area governing body does not enjoy voting privileges; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a voting labor member on a public transportation benefit area governing body leads to a lack of comprehensive understanding of the impact of the policies enacted; and

WHEREAS, labor representatives offer valuable experience and knowledge germane to the decision making of a public transportation benefit area governing body; and

WHEREAS, the WSLC and its affiliates continue to support equitable, safe, and reliable public transportation alternatives that support Washington communities; and

WHEREAS, a labor representative vote represents these WSLC values within a public transportation benefit area governing body; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the WSLC urges the Washington State Legislature to enact proposed legislation amending Revised Code of Washington Chapter 36.57A to establish the labor representative on the public transportation benefit areas governing body as a voting member; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the WSLC hereby determines that the passage of legislation to enact such an amendment shall be a priority of its 2025 legislative agenda.