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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 721, L.D. 973, Bill, "AN
ACT Concerning Municipal Transit Districts."

Amend the Bill in section 2 by striking out all of that
part designated "§4977" and inserting in its place the following:

'§4977. District defined

Whenever the word "district" is used in this chapter,
it shall be deemed to include a district created by vote of
a single municipality, or by vote of a group of municipalities,
or a municipality voting to provide such mass transportation
service without the creation of a district or a regional
transportation corporation, except that the provisions of
section 4986, 4987 and 4988 shall not apply to a regional
transportation corporation.'

Further amend the Bill in section 3 by striking out all
of that part designated "§4977-A" and inserting in its place
the following:

' §4977-A. Definition of regional transportation corporation

A regional transportation corporation is defined as any private,
nonprofit corporation formed for the express purpose of providing public
transportation services to more than one municipality but which is not
wholly or partly owned by the municipalities. Such corporation shall be
approved, for the purpose of providing public transportation services, by the

municipal officers of each community to receive public transportation services from such corporation. After being approved by the municipal officers of five or more communities, such a corporation shall be duly certified as a regional transportation corporation by the Department of Transportation and shall be subject to all applicable Public Utilities Commission regulations governing charter and rates of fare.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to insure that local municipalities have a proper voice in public transportation services provided by regional transportation corporations. It also limits the authority of regional transportation corporations by eliminating the power to insure tax exempt notes; by eliminating borrowing power; by eliminating ability to assess taxes against municipalities; and by eliminating power of eminent domain.

Filed by Mr. Jensen of Portland.

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