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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill does four things. It allows nonvoting members from counties adjacent to the metropolitan area to serve on the metropolitan council. It requires the metropolitan council to expand the membership of the transportation advisory board to include representatives from adjacent counties, but limits the voting power of those representatives to instances when funding for projects is available in both the metropolitan area and in the adjacent counties. It requests that the legislative auditor do an evaluation of the 1994 metropolitan reorganization act. Finally, it appropriates an unspecified amount for grants to local governments to encourage them to jointly provide services.

### Section

- 1 Creation.** Specifies that the 17 members (16 from districts and 1 chair) who supervise and control the metropolitan council are voting members. This is to distinguish these members from the nonvoting members provided for in section 3.
- 2 Membership; appointment; qualifications.** Specifies that the 16 members appointed from districts in the metropolitan area are voting members. This is to distinguish these members from the nonvoting members provided for in section 3.
- 3 Nonvoting, affiliate membership.** Permits a county adjacent to the metropolitan area to appoint a member of its governing board to serve as a nonvoting, affiliate member of the metropolitan council.
- 4 Transportation planning.** Directs the metropolitan council to add representatives from the counties adjacent to the metropolitan area to the transportation advisory board. Provides for the council and the board to determine the process and criteria for selection and appointment of the additional members. Provides that members from the adjacent counties do not vote on allocations of funding within the metropolitan area unless the source of funding at issue is available for projects in both the metropolitan area and in the surrounding counties.
- 5 Legislative audit of 1994 merger.** Requests the legislative audit commission to direct a

program evaluation of the 1994 merger of the powers, duties, and functions of the metropolitan waste control commission, metropolitan transit commission, and the regional transit board into the metropolitan council.

- 6 Grants for joint provision of public services; appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the board of government innovation and cooperation for grants to encourage inter-local cooperation in providing services.
- 7 Application.** Makes section 1 to 4, relating to the metropolitan council, apply in the metropolitan area.