

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2057

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS, APRIL 8, 1991

Brief Description: Allowing public facilities districts to impose excise tax.

SPONSORS: Representatives Day, H. Sommers, Dellwo, D. Sommers, Orr, Mielke, Nealey, Wang, Prince, Moyer, Scott, Hine and Wineberry.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McDonald, Chairman; Craswell, Vice Chairman; Bailey, Bauer, Bluechel, Cantu, Gaspard, Hayner, Johnson, L. Kreidler, Matson, Metcalf, Murray, Newhouse, Niemi, Owen, Saling, L. Smith, Talmadge, West, Williams, and Wojahn.

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Hearing Dates: April 8, 1991

BACKGROUND:

Public facilities districts are authorized in counties with a population greater than 300,000 and located more than 100 miles from a county in which the state has constructed and owns a convention center. The district must be coextensive with the boundaries of the county. Currently, only Spokane County meets these requirements.

A public facilities district is authorized to acquire, construct, own, and operate sports and entertainment facilities with contiguous parking. A district may impose a lodging tax of up to 2 percent for acquisition, design, and construction of the facility. A district is authorized to issue general obligation bonds for capital purposes and to retire the bonds by excess property tax levies when authorized by the voters. In addition, a district is authorized to levy a property tax in excess of the 1 percent limit for a one-year period for capital and operating purposes when authorized by the voters.

SUMMARY:

A public facilities district may impose a sales and use tax at the rate of one-tenth of 1 percent when approved by the voters of the district. Moneys received from the tax shall be used

for the financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, and reequipping sports and entertainment facilities and contiguous parking.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR: None

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: No one