

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1020

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As Passed House  
February 8, 1994

**Title:** An act relating to disposal of property by towns.

**Brief Description:** Clarifying the authority of towns to manage property.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Springer, H. Myers, Morris and Basich.

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:  
Local Government, January 26, 1993, DP;  
Passed House, February 8, 1993, 95-0;  
Passed House, February 8, 1994, 94-0.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 11 members:  
Representatives H. Myers, Chair; Bray, Vice Chair;  
Edmondson, Ranking Minority Member; Reams, Assistant Ranking  
Minority Member; Dunshee; R. Fisher; Rayburn; Romero;  
Springer; Van Luven; and Zellinsky.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 1 member:  
Representative Horn.

**Staff:** Bill Lynch (876-7092).

**Background:** The Municipal Research Council has identified a number of local government statutes that either conflict with other statutes, are inconsistent with powers granted to other local governments under other statutes, or have some confusion surrounding their interpretation.

Third class cities are specifically authorized to dispose of real and personal property by lease, sublease, or conveyance. Although towns are authorized to dispose of property, they are not specifically authorized to dispose of it by lease, sublease, or conveyance.

**Summary of Bill:** Towns are specifically authorized to dispose of real and personal property by lease, sublease, or conveyance.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This helps to clarify the authority for towns to dispose of property through lease, sublease, and conveyance.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Stan Finkelstein, Association of Washington Cities (pro).