

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1058

As Reported By House Committee On:
Local Government

Title: An act relating to public hospital districts.

Brief Description: Providing for public hospital district chaplains.

Sponsors: Representatives Franklin, Zellinsky, Campbell, Kremen, Padden and L. Johnson.

Brief History:

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives H. Myers, Chair; Bray, Vice Chair; Edmondson, Ranking Minority Member; Reams, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Horn; Rayburn; Van Luven; and Zellinsky.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 4 members: Representatives Dunshee; R. Fisher; Romero; and Springer.

Staff: Steve Lundin (786-7127).

Background: Public hospital districts are authorized to provide a variety of health related facilities and services.

Summary of Bill: Public hospital districts are authorized to employ chaplains for their hospitals, health care facilities, and hospice programs.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: January 1, 1994, if a related constitutional amendment is approved by the voters.

Testimony For: The auditor indicates that the constitution precludes hospital districts from employing chaplains. Chaplains can play an essential role in both the healing process and dying.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: (pro): Representative Franklin, prime sponsor; and Greg Vigdor, Washington State Hospital Association.