

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1143

As Reported By House Committee On:
Local Government

Title: An act relating to community councils in cities and towns.

Brief Description: Providing a procedure for consolidating cities or towns.

Sponsors: Representatives Van Luven, G. Fisher, Reams, Bray, Edmondson, Brough and Springer.

Brief History:

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 12 members: Representatives H. Myers, Chair; Bray, Vice Chair; Edmondson, Ranking Minority Member; Reams, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Dunshee; R. Fisher; Horn; Rayburn; Romero; Springer; Van Luven; and Zellinsky.

Staff: Steve Lundin (786-7127).

Background: Cities and towns may permit a community municipal corporation to be created in an area that annexes to the city or town if, either the petition/election or resolution election method of annexation is used to authorize the annexation, and the voters residing in the area that is proposed to be annexed approve a ballot proposition authorizing the community municipal corporation. A community municipal corporation exists for five years, but may be continued for successive five-year periods, if authorized by the voters of the community municipal corporation.

A community municipal corporation has an elected five-member community council that, within 60 days of adoption, may disapprove the following actions taken by the city or town council relating to the community municipal corporation:

(1) A comprehensive plan; (2) a zoning ordinance; (3) a conditional use permit, special exception or variance; (4) a subdivision ordinance; (5) a subdivision plan; and (6) a planned unit development.

Community municipal corporations have been created in Bellevue, Kirkland, and Des Moines, each of which are code cities.

Summary of Bill: It is clarified that community municipal corporations may be formed when territory is annexed to a code city or whenever two or more cities or towns consolidate.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: None.