

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1978

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As Passed House

March 15, 1993

**Title:** An act relating to the use of county park and recreation facilities.

**Brief Description:** Allowing counties to permit public libraries on county land used for park and recreation purposes.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives J. Kohl, G. Cole, Karahalios, Jacobsen, Dorn, Cothorn, Roland, Pruitt, Basich, Miller, Forner, L. Johnson, Vance, Cooke, Rust and Hansen).

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:

Local Government, March 2, 1993, DPS;

Passed House, March 15, 1993, 91-6.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives H. Myers, Chair; Bray, Vice Chair; Edmondson, Ranking Minority Member; Reams, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; R. Fisher; Horn; Rayburn; Romero; Springer; and Zellinsky.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 2 members: Representatives Dunshee; and Van Luven.

**Staff:** Steve Lundin (786-7127).

**Background:** Counties are permitted to adopt comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances.

**Summary of Bill:** A county may permit a public library to be located on land owned by the county that is used for park and recreation purposes; unless a covenant or other binding restriction precludes such uses.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** With the increasing costs of land and the limited amount of public funds available for acquisition and construction of library facilities, the co-location of appropriate facilities allows jurisdictions to stretch available public dollars. In addition, the co-location of these facilities allows enhanced education and recreational benefits to citizens on the same visit.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** (Pro): Representative Kohl, prime sponsor; Tim Hatley, staff, King County Council; and Laura Eckert, IAC.