

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1058

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As Passed Legislature  
April 21, 1993

**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:**

Reported by House Committee on:  
Local Government, January 28, 1993, DP;  
Passed House, February 8, 1993, 58-37;  
Amended by Senate;  
Passed Legislature, April 21, 1993, 60-34.

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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.