

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SHB 1978

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.

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.