

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1978

As Reported By House Committee On:
Local Government

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: Representatives J. Kohl, G. Cole, Karahalios, Jacobsen, Dorn, Cothorn, Roland, Pruitt, Basich, Miller, Forner, L. Johnson, Vance, Cooke, Rust and Hansen.

Brief History:

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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 Substitute 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.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: Language was added about the covenants of other binding restrictions.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: 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.