SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5041

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, JANUARY 22, 1993

Brief Description: Authorizing counties that choose to plan under the Growth Management Act to require relocation assistance for low-income tenants.

SPONSORS: Senators Haugen and Winsley

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chairman; Drew, Vice Chairman; Loveland, Oke, Owen, von Reichbauer, and Winsley.

Staff: Eugene Green (786-7405)

Hearing Dates: January 19, 1993; January 22, 1993

BACKGROUND:

The 1990 Growth Management Act authorized counties and cities required to plan under the act to require property owners to provide relocation assistance to low-income tenants upon demolition, substantial rehabilitation, or change of use of residential property, or upon the removal of use restrictions in an assisted housing development. The relocation assistance cannot exceed \$2,000 per dwelling unit and the property owner's portion of any relocation assistance cannot exceed one-half of the required relocation assistance. Counties which opt under the Growth Management Act and the cities within those counties do not have this relocation assistance authorization.

SUMMARY:

Counties which opt under the Growth Management Act and the cities within those counties are authorized to require property owners to provide relocation assistance to low-income tenants.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

Requirements and authorizations should be the same whether you had to plan under the Growth Management Act or you choose to plan under the Growth Management Act.

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TESTIMONY AGAINST:

This tax is a burden on one section of the economy. The assistance should be paid for with general taxes.

TESTIFIED: Dave Williams, Association of Cities (pro); Paul Parker, Association of Counties (pro); Arnold Fox, Association of Apartment Owners (con); Glen Hudson, Association of Realtors (con)

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