SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6021

AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 8, 1994

Brief Description: Providing a procedure for consolidation or dissolution of emergency service communication districts.

SPONSORS: Senators Haugen and Winsley

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.
Signed by Senators Haugen, Chairman; Drew, Vice Chairman; Loveland, McCaslin, Oke, Owen and Winsley.

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Hearing Dates: January 19, 1994; January 20, 1994

BACKGROUND:

In lieu of providing a county-wide system of emergency service communication, the legislative authority of any county may establish one or more less than county-wide emergency service communication districts for the purpose of providing and funding emergency service communication systems. The legislative authority of a county may impose a county enhanced 911 excise tax on the use of switched access lines in an amount not exceeding 50 cents per month for each switched access line. The state also imposes a state enhanced 911 excise tax at a rate not to exceed 20 cents per month for each switched access line until December 31, 1998. Thereafter, the state tax cannot exceed 10 cents per month for each switched access line.

No statutory provisions authorize either the dissolution or consolidation of less than county-wide emergency service communication districts.

SUMMARY:

Following a public hearing on the issue, a county legislative authority may consolidate less than county-wide emergency service communication districts, if the county legislative authority finds the action to be in the public interest and adopts a resolution providing for the consolidation.

A less than county-wide emergency service communication district may be dissolved in the same manner as above. The county legislative authority must specify the manner in which dissolution is to be accomplished and must supervise the liquidation of any assets and the satisfaction of any outstanding indebtedness.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR: None

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: No one