

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 3030

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**As Reported By House Committee On:**  
Education

**Title:** An act relating to school district boundaries.

**Brief Description:** Changing provisions relating to school district boundaries.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Talcott, Smith and Bush.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Education: 2/3/98, 2/5/98 [DPS].

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Johnson, Chairman; Hickel, Vice Chairman; Cole, Ranking Minority Member; Keiser, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Linville; Quall; Smith; Sterk; Sump; Talcott and Veloria.

**Staff:** Charlie Gavigan (786-7340).

**Background:** The Legislature enacted the city or town districts— statute in 1909, primarily to ensure that each city or town is served by a single school district. Over the years, the Legislature has added several procedural requirements to change school district boundaries in response to city or town boundary changes.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** When school boundary changes are made, the State Board of Education may authorize up to a three-year transition period to implement the boundary changes to avoid undue hardship provide for an efficient transition. This phase-in period applies to transferring operational responsibility for the education and transportation of students living within the territory transferred. The appropriate educational service district superintendent must prepare a boundary change implementation plan.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The substitute bill removes provisions changing the regional committees and removes the study. The transition period for boundary changes is retained and clarified to apply to phasing-in operational changes.

Three statutes are changed to make them consistent with the provisions allowing a phase-in period.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date of Substitute Bill:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** The bill should just provide a transition period when school boundary changes are made; the rest of the bill should be removed. A transition period to transfer operational responsibility resulting from school district boundary changes would be very helpful to make the process more efficient and cause fewer problems.

**Testimony Against:** None (if amended to just provide a transition period).

**Testified:** Representative Talcott, prime sponsor; Larry Davis and Linda Carpenter, State Board of Education (pro with amendment); Linda Bird, city of University Place (pro with amendment); Debbie Klosowski, Mayor, city of University Place (pro with amendment); John Davis, Clover Park School District (pro with amendment); Terry Lindquist, Puget Sound Educational Service District (pro with amendment); and Shiela Englehardt, Parents for Future Neighborhood Schools (pro with amendment).