

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1346

As Reported By House Committee On:

Local Government

Title: An act relating to dissolution of a cultural arts, stadium and convention district.

Brief Description: Providing an alternative method for dissolving a cultural arts, stadium or convention district.

Sponsors: Representatives O'Brien, Koster, Cody, DeBolt, Constantine, Kessler, D. Schmidt, Edwards and Radcliff.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Local Government: 2/4/99, 2/22/99 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes an alternative method for dissolution of a cultural arts, stadium, and convention district.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives Mulliken, Republican Co-Chair; Scott, Democratic Co-Chair; Doumit, Democratic Vice Chair; Mielke, Republican Vice Chair; Edwards; Ericksen; Fisher and Fortunato.

Staff: Scott MacColl (786-7106).

Background:

A cultural arts, stadium, and convention district is created by a majority vote of the voters included within the district in a special election. A cultural arts, stadium, and convention district may finance capital facilities through a special election in which the voters must approve a ballot proposition providing for both the bond issuance and imposition of levies to pay off the bonds.

A cultural arts, stadium, and convention district may be dissolved by a majority vote of the persons in the district. An election may be called by: (1) resolution of the district governing authority; (2) resolution of the county governing body; or (3) petition of the district voters.

Summary of Bill:

A second method to dissolve a cultural arts, stadium, and convention district is authorized. A cultural arts, stadium and convention district may be dissolved without an election by a majority vote of the district governing body if the bond and levy financing ballot proposition is not approved by the voters.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: The city of Lynnwood wanted to build a convention center, but the proposal for the bond financing failed miserably at the polls in 1983, 1987, and 1998. Currently, the district cannot be dissolved without a vote of the district, which costs approximately \$60,000.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Representative O'Brien, prime sponsor; and Gary Nelson, Snohomish County Council.