

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1066

As Reported by House Committee On:
Criminal Justice & Corrections
Capital Budget

Title: An act relating to the authority of the criminal justice training commission to own and operate training facilities.

Brief Description: Revising the authority of the criminal justice training commission to own and operate training facilities.

Sponsors: Representatives O'Brien, Ballasiotes, Delvin, Lovick, Keiser and Haigh; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Criminal Justice & Corrections: 1/24/01, 1/31/01 [DP];
Capital Budget: 2/14/01, 2/21/01 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Expands the authority of the Criminal Justice Training Commission to own and operate training facilities.
- Authorizes the Department of General Administration to transfer the Washington State Training and Conference Center to the Criminal Justice Training Commission.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives Ballasiotes, Republican Co-Chair; O'Brien, Democratic Co-Chair; Ahern, Republican Vice Chair; Lovick, Democratic Vice Chair; Cairnes, Kagi, Kirby and Morell.

Staff: Yvonne Walker (786-7841).

Background:

The Washington State Criminal Justice and Training Commission (CJTC) is authorized to establish, operate, and contract with other organizations for the operation of training and other educational programs for criminal justice personnel. In addition, the CJTC is also authorized, with the approval of the Department of General Administration (GA), to lease the Washington State Training and Conference Center facility located in Burien, Washington. However, the GA retains all funds collected for the rental of the center's space.

The Washington State Training and Conference Center located at 19010 First Avenue in Burien, Washington is currently owned by the GA, but managed and leased by the CJTC.

Summary of Bill:

The GA will transfer the Washington State Training and Conference Center located at: 19010 First Avenue, Burien, Washington, 98148, to the CJTC. Upon acquiring ownership of the training facility, the CJTC may rent the conference center as well as collect funds for the rental of the center itself. The CJTC is also authorized to own or otherwise acquire, subject to the approval of the GA, additional training facilities that are necessary to conduct its training programs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: In 1990, the Legislature authorized the GA to purchase the training facility to allow the CJTC to use it as a training and education center for law enforcement officers as well as to allow a portion of the facility to be used as a conference center for other agencies and entities. Since that time, the CJTC has built a firing range, a mock city training facility, two dormitories, and has upgraded the heating and electrical system within the entire facility.

In addition, the CJTC has been in the process of talking to the GA for the last couple of years in regards to transferring both ownership and management of the conference facility over to the CJTC. In fact the CJTC has been the lessee for 95 percent of the time over the last several years. This bill will allow for the transfer of ownership of the building from the GA to the CJTC and as a result will allow the CJTC to make remodeling changes to the building as they see fit to meet their own immediate needs.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: (In support) Bob Bippert, General Administration; and Michael Parsons, Criminal Justice Training Commission.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL BUDGET

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 16 members: Representatives Alexander, Republican Co-Chair; Murray, Democratic Co-Chair; Armstrong, Republican Vice Chair; Esser, Republican Vice Chair; McIntire, Democratic Vice Chair; Barlean, Bush, Casada, Hankins, Hunt, O'Brien, Ogden, Reardon, Schoesler, Veloria and Woods.

Staff: Susan Howson (786-7142).

Summary of Recommendation of Committee On Capital Budget Compared to Recommendation of Committee On Criminal Justice & Corrections:

No new changes were recommended.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) and the Department of General Administration are both in agreement for the transfer of the facility to the CJTC. The CJTC takes a great deal of pride in the facility and is better able to stay on top of repairs and maintenance with staff on site. Rather than looking backward, the CJTC is looking to the future and has developed a solid 10-year capital plan for the campus.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: (In Support) Representative Al O'Brien, prime sponsor; and Michael Parsons, Criminal Justice Training Commission.