

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5594

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Consolidating housing authorities.

Sponsors: Senators Gardner, Winsley, Prentice and Honeyford.

Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions
House Committee on Local Government & Housing

Background: Housing authorities are local government agencies, authorized by the Legislature in 1939. They are created by a declaration of need by the city or county they serve. Current law allows the creation of a joint housing authority to serve a county and a city or cities within the county. Housing authorities are the principal conduit for federally funded housing programs, such as Section 8 vouchers. Housing authorities also own and operate some rental properties.

Summary: Various configurations of joint or consolidated housing authorities are authorized. One or more counties and any city or cities within one or more counties may, through joint legislative action, create a consolidated housing authority. Provisions regarding appointment of housing authority commissioners and their removal do not apply to joint housing authorities.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48 0
House	96 0

Effective: June 13, 2002