
Capital Budget Committee

HB 1730

Brief Description: Limiting the ability of certain state agencies to purchase land.

Sponsors: Representatives Condotta, Armstrong, Sump, Newhouse, Holmquist, Hinkle, Clements, Kristiansen, Chandler, Pearson, Skinner, Schoesler and Buck.

Brief Summary of Bill

- A state agency cannot purchase privately-owned land in excess of 5 contiguous acres in any county in which the public and tribal land constitute more than 70% of all land in the county unless:(1) the state legislature and county legislative authority approve it and non-state funds are used; or (2) it is a purchase by the Department of Transportation.

Hearing Date: 2/19/03

Staff: Charlie Gavigan (786-7340).

Background:

Except for eminent domain powers or specific authority to acquire land, the capital budget authorizes and funds the purchase of land by state agencies on which to construct facilities or for other purposes such as habitat protection, recreational use, or trust land replacement.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.