
State Government Committee

HB 2490

Brief Description: Providing for representation on governing body for public hospital district that joins with another entity.

Sponsors: Representatives Haigh and Armstrong.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Makes the participation of Public Hospital District commissioners on the governing body of a joint entity permissive rather than mandatory.

Hearing Date: 2/3/04

Staff: Katie Blinn (786-7114).

Background:

Public Hospital Districts (PHD's) are special purpose districts that operate hospitals and provide other health-related services. Commissioners of a PHD are publicly elected officials. A PHD may contract or join with another hospital, PHD, or other entity to provide health care services or operate health care facilities by forming a nonprofit joint legal entity. The governing body of such a joint entity must include representatives of the PHD, *including* PHD commissioners.

Summary of Bill:

If a PHD enters into a joint entity, the governing body of the joint entity must still include representatives of the PHD, but no longer must include PHD commissioners.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.