# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

## BILL ANALYSIS

## **Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee**

## **SSB 5088**

**Brief Description:** Recognizing that the use of certain land in Tacoma, for school purposes, is valid and meets the requirements of section 2, chapter 123, Laws of 1907.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Winsley, Franklin and Fraser).

### **Brief Summary of Substitute Bill**

· Allows a portion of property dedicated in 1907 by the State of Washington to the City of Tacoma to be used for expansion of public school facilities.

**Hearing Date:** 3/14/03

**Staff:** Caroleen Dineen (786-7156).

#### **Background:**

In 1907 the Legislature enacted legislation dedicating certain real property in Pierce County to the City of Tacoma. The 1907 legislation dedicated this property specifically for street, park, and boulevard purposes. The 1907 legislation also specified the dedicated property immediately reverts to the State of Washington if the City of Tacoma uses or allows the property to be used for any purpose other than street, park, or boulevard purposes.

#### **Summary of Bill:**

The 1907 statute dedicating certain real property to the City of Tacoma for street, park, and boulevard purposes is amended to authorize for one block of this property the expansion of school facilities as an additional purpose.

Legislative findings recognize the 1907 dedication of real property by the State of Washington to the City of Tacoma for street, park, and boulevard purposes. Legislative findings also recognize that a portion of these dedicated lands are adjacent to Jefferson Elementary School, which includes park and playground uses, and that the renovation plans for the school will result in a small part of the building footprint to be located on the

dedicated lands. Legislative findings specify the renovation and uses of the dedicated lands will include public access and recreational use and state that allowing an additional dedicated use of the lands is appropriate.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.