

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6236

As of January 22, 2004

Title: An act relating to clarifying the development powers of cities, towns, and counties.

Brief Description: Clarifying the development powers of cities, towns, and counties.

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford and Hargrove.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Economic Development: 1/23/04.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Background: In 1985, in response to city and county concerns, the Legislature gave specific authority to engage in economic development programs. Cities and counties were also authorized to contract with nonprofit corporations to assist with economic development activities. There is concern that this grant of authority, while broad, does not adequately specify the authority of cities, towns, and counties to collaborate with other public entities.

Summary of Bill: To carry out economic development programs, cities, towns and counties may transfer or loan funds, property or services to other cities, towns, counties, or port districts. Upon the request of a port district, any city, town, or county may enter an agreement to jointly exercise with a port district the district's powers with respect to economic development programs and projects.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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