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**Housing Committee**

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**HB 1235**

**Brief Description:** Requiring consultation between counties, cities, and towns before siting homeless camps.

**Sponsors:** Representatives O'Brien, Nixon, Lovick, Ericks, Clements, Shabro, Darneille, Miloscia and Springer.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires a county to consult with a city before siting a homeless encampment in or near the city.

**Hearing Date:** 2/3/05

**Staff:** CeCe Clynch (786-7168).

**Background:**

Currently, there are no provisions in law requiring a county to consult with a city before authorizing the siting of a homeless encampment near the city. In the recent past, there has been at least one occasion when a city received only a few days notice before the erection of a nearby homeless encampment which had been approved by the county.

**Summary of Bill:**

A new section is added to Chapter 36.01 RCW requiring that a county consult with any affected city at least 15 days before issuing authorization for a homeless encampment if the encampment:

- is fully or partially within a city;
- shares a common boundary with a city; or
- is within one thousand feet of a city boundary.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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