

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 6816

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**As Passed House:**  
February 28, 2006

**Title:** An act relating to cemetery districts.

**Brief Description:** Allowing county cemetery districts to include areas within cities and towns.

**Sponsors:** By Senator Zarelli.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Local Government: 2/20/06 [DP].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 2/28/06, 97-0.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Removes a population threshold, thereby allowing cemetery districts to include any incorporated territory within their boundaries, subject to certain limitations.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 6 members: Representatives Simpson, Chair; Clibborn, Vice Chair; Schindler, Ranking Minority Member; Ahern, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Takko and Woods.

**Staff:** Kasa Tupua (786-7291).

**Background:**

A cemetery district is authorized to acquire, establish, maintain, manage, improve, and operate cemeteries. A cemetery district may include within its boundaries any incorporated lands from a city or town with a population of less than 10,000, and thus acquire any cemetery or cemeteries maintained and operated by any such city or town.

A cemetery district may not, however operate a cemetery within the corporate limits of a city or town where a private, for-profit cemetery operates.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The population limit prohibiting cemetery districts from including incorporated lands within their districts from cities or towns with 10,000 or more residents is removed.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** Allowing cemetery districts to include any incorporated lands from a city or town is rather straightforward and important.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Persons Testifying:** Lloyd Halverson, City of Camas.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.