

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6802

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Water, Energy & Environment, February 2, 2006

**Title:** An act relating to the board of directors of single county air pollution control authorities.

**Brief Description:** Regarding air pollution control authority boards.

**Sponsors:** Senator Brown.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Water, Energy & Environment: 2/1/06, 2/2/06 [DPS, DNP, w/oRec].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6802 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Morton, Ranking Minority Member; Delvin, Fraser, Pridemore and Regala.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Honeyford.

**Minority Report:** That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Mulliken.

**Staff:** Richard Rodger (786-7461)

**Background:** Local air pollution control authorities (authorities) are established by the Washington Clean Air Act. Each authority is a municipal corporation that is responsible for carrying out specified duties relating to the prevention and control of air pollution. Each of Washington's 39 counties has an authority created within it; however, some county authorities are inactive and are served by the Department of Ecology's Air Quality Program.

Each authority is governed by a board of directors (board). In the case of an authority comprised of one county, the board shall be comprised of two appointees of a city selection committee, at least one of whom shall represent the city having the most population in the county, and two representatives to be designated by the board of county commissioners. These members then elect an additional member who is either a member of the governing body of one of the towns, cities, or counties comprising the authority, or a private citizen residing in the authority. The city selection committee for each county is composed of the mayor of each incorporated city and town within the county.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** The boards, comprised from one county with a population of 400,000 or more people, are comprised of: (1) Three appointees of cities, one each from the two cities with the most population in the county and one appointee of the city selection committee representing the other cities; and (2) one representative designated by the board of

county commissioners. These members then elect an additional citizen member who is a county resident and who has significant professional experience in the field of public health, air quality protection, or meteorology.

The membership of the city selection committee, for a single county, consists of the mayor of each incorporated city and town within the county, except for the mayors of the cities with the most population who have already designated appointees to the board.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The substitute bill limits the changes to single county authorities with a population of 400,000 or more.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Testimony For:** This bill provides important changes to single county air pollution control authorities. It ensures the two largest cities within the county have representation on the five member boards. It also provides greater expertise on the boards by requiring a citizen board member who has professional experience in the technical and scientific issues considered by the board.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Who Testified:** PRO: Senator Lisa Brown, prime sponsor; Nick Federici, American Lung Association of Washington.