

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6816

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As Passed Senate, February 8, 2006

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

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

**Sponsors:** Senator Zarelli.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations & Elections: 2/2/06 [DP].

Passed Senate: 2/8/06, 47-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Berkey, Vice Chair; Roach, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Fairley, Haugen, Kline, McCaslin, Mulliken and Pridemore.

**Staff:** Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

**Background:** A cemetery district may include within its boundaries any city or town with a population of less than 10,000. The 10,000 limit was added in 1994 during a re-organization of statutes governing cities. Pre-1994, there was no population limit; rather, a cemetery district could include towns and up to third class cities. The 1994 re-organization eliminated third and fourth class cities and all references to them. (Really, the 1994 bill eliminated fourth class cities and made third class cities second class cities since there were no second class cities at the time.) In place of the third class threshold, the Legislature established the 10,000 population threshold.

**Summary of Bill:** The 10,000 population limit for cities that can be included in a cemetery district is removed.

**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:** Camas would like to be part of a cemetery district but is precluded because the city has a population greater than 10,000.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Who Testified:** PRO: Lloyd Halverson, City of Camas.