

**SB 6156-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that the residents, property owners, employees, or business owners of an impacted community may propose formation of a community preservation and development authority. The proposal to form a community preservation and development authority must be presented in writing to the appropriate legislative committee in both the house of representatives and the senate. The proposal must contain proposed general geographic boundaries that will be used to define the community for the purposes of the authority. Proposals presented after January 1, 2008, must identify in its proposal one or more stable revenue sources that: (1) Have a nexus with the multiple publicly funded facilities that have adversely impacted the community; and

(2) Can be used to support future operating or capital projects that will be identified in the strategic plan required under this act.

Authorizes the establishment of the Pioneer Square-International District community preservation and development authority, which boundaries are those contained in the Pioneer Square-International District within the city of Seattle.

Provides that, prior to making siting, design, and construction decisions for future major public facilities, public works projects, or capital projects with significant public funding, state and local government agencies may: (1) Communicate and consult with the community preservation and development authority and impacted community, including assessing the compatibility of the proposed project with the strategic plan adopted by the authority; and

(2) Make reasonable efforts to ensure that negative, cumulative effects of multiple projects upon the impacted community are minimized.

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 6156

May 15, 2007

To the Honorable President and Members,  
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Sections 1 and 2, Substitute Senate Bill 6156 entitled:

"AN ACT relating to State Government."

This bill allows for the creation of Community Preservation and Development Authorities, specifically creates a Pioneer

Square-International District Community Preservation and Development Authority within the city of Seattle, and establishes a method for creating additional such authorities. I strongly support the efforts of local communities to influence development of their own areas and believe this is one good way to accomplish that.

Sections 1 and 2 provide the legislative intent and findings in addition to the definitions for this act. I am concerned that these sections of the bill are overly broad and may lead to unintended consequences regarding public projects across our state. I do not believe that vetoing these sections will in any way hinder the creation of the Pioneer Square-International District Community Preservation and Development Authority provided for in Section 8. If the Legislature chooses to revisit this legislation with an eye toward expanding it beyond the Pioneer Square-International District Community Preservation and Development Authority, then I will work with interested members of the Legislature to improve this act.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 1 and 2 of Substitute Senate Bill 6156.

With the exception of Sections 1 and 2, Substitute Senate Bill 6156 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor