

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2525

As of February 19, 2010

Title: An act relating to public facilities districts created by at least two city or county legislative authorities.

Brief Description: Concerning public facilities districts created by at least two city or county legislative authorities.

Sponsors: House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Nealey, Klippert, Chandler and Haler).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/12/10, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Economic Development, Trade & Innovation:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE & INNOVATION

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Background: A Public Facilities District (PFD) is a municipal corporation with independent taxing authority and is a taxing district under the state Constitution. A PFD may be created by a city, group of cities, county, or a group of cities and a county. A PFD is governed by an appointed board of directors with varying composition and appointing authority. In 2009 multi-city/county PFDs were authorized for jurisdictions that already had a PFD. These new PFDs were only allowed to develop and operate recreational facilities other than ski resorts. To approve a proposition, a majority of board members representing each city or county participating in the additional PFD must approve the proposition. A PFD may impose a variety of taxes to fund its regional facility. For example, a PFD may levy an admissions tax not exceeding 5 percent, a vehicle parking tax not exceeding 10 percent, and a voter-approved 0.2 percent sales tax. A county PFD may also impose a voter approved 2 percent lodging tax.

Summary of Bill: Multi-city/county PFDs which are created by jurisdictions that already had a PFD only require the approval of a majority of board members from each participating jurisdiction when submitting tax propositions to the voters.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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