

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## EHB 1539

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As of April 28, 2013

**Title:** An act relating to the annexation of unincorporated territory within a code city.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the annexation of unincorporated territory within a code city.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Rodne, Springer, Hargrove, Sullivan, Magendanz, Takko, Kochmar, Pettigrew, Fitzgibbon and Ryu.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 4/26/13, 96-0.

**Committee Activity:** Governmental Operations:

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

**Staff:** Karen Epps (786-7424)

**Background:** The Annexation of Unincorporated Islands method of annexation is available to cities within counties that were planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) on or before June 30, 1994. This method is only applicable to areas:

- that contain residential property owners;
- less than 100 acres in size where at least 80 percent of the area's boundaries are contiguous with the city or town; or
- of any size where at least 80 percent of the area's boundaries are contiguous with the city or town, the area existed as unincorporated territory before June 30, 1994, and the city was planning under GMA as of June 30, 1995.

This annexation method is initiated by city council resolution. A public hearing is held to determine whether to proceed with the proposed annexation. If approved, the city passes an ordinance to annex; however, the proposed annexation is subject to resident referendum.

**Summary of Bill:** The Annexation of Unincorporated Island method of annexation for code cities is only applicable to areas:

- less than 175 acres in size where at least 80 percent of the area's boundaries are contiguous with the city or town; or
- of any size where all of the area's boundaries are contiguous with the city or town and the city is planning under GMA.

**Appropriation:** None.

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**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

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