

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5417

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Synopsis as Enacted

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

Sponsors: Senators Mullet, Fain, Hasegawa and Roach.

Senate Committee on Governmental Operations
House Committee on Local Government

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 and are:

- 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 the 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: The Annexation of Unincorporated Island method of annexation for code cities is only applicable to areas:

- less than 175 acres in size where all 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 and the city is planning under the GMA.

The requirement that the area to be annexed must contain residential property owners is deleted.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	27	22	
House	87	6	(House amended)
Senate	34	14	(Senate concurred)

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