

**SHB 1250 - H AMD 673**

By Representative Taylor

1 On page 3, beginning on line 1, strike all of subsection (4)

2 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any  
3 internal references accordingly.

4 On page 3, at the beginning of line 15, strike "approve of" and  
5 insert "review"

6 On page 5, beginning on line 14, strike all of section 104 and  
7 insert the following:

8 "Sec. 104. RCW 35.02.100 and 2015 c 53 s 18 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 The notice of election on the question of the incorporation shall  
11 be given as provided by RCW 29A.52.355 and shall describe the  
12 boundaries of the proposed city or town, its name, and the number of  
13 inhabitants (~~(ascertained by the county legislative authority or the~~  
14 ~~boundary review board to reside in it))~~ as determined by the office  
15 of financial management through the use of its small area estimate  
16 program."

17 Beginning on page 10, line 17, strike all of sections 303 and 304  
18 and insert the following:

19 "Sec. 303. RCW 35.10.410 and 2015 c 53 s 22 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 The submission of a ballot proposal to the voters of two or more  
22 contiguous cities for the consolidation of these contiguous, as  
23 defined in section 1(7) of this act, cities may be caused by the  
24 adoption of a joint resolution, by a majority vote of each city  
25 legislative body, seeking consolidation of such contiguous cities.  
26 Each city's legislative body must file notice of the proposed action  
27 with the office of financial management for its review pursuant to  
28 section 1 of this act. The joint resolution shall provide for  
29 submission of the question to the voters at the next general

1 municipal election, if one is to be held more than ninety days but  
2 not more than one hundred eighty days after the passage of the joint  
3 resolution, or shall call for a special election to be held for that  
4 purpose at the next special election date, as specified in RCW  
5 29A.04.330, that occurs ninety or more days after the passage of the  
6 joint resolution. The legislative bodies of the cities also shall  
7 notify the county legislative authority of each county in which the  
8 cities are located of the proposed consolidation.

9       **Sec. 304.** RCW 35.10.420 and 2015 c 53 s 23 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11       The submission of a ballot proposal to the voters of two or more  
12 contiguous cities for the consolidation of these contiguous, as  
13 defined in section 1(7) of this act, cities may also be caused by the  
14 filing of a petition with the legislative body of each such city,  
15 signed by the voters of each city in number equal to not less than  
16 ten percent of voters who voted in the city at the last general  
17 municipal election therein, seeking consolidation of such contiguous  
18 cities. A copy of the petition shall be forwarded immediately by each  
19 city to the auditor of the county or counties within which that city  
20 is located.

21       The county auditor or auditors shall determine the sufficiency of  
22 the signatures in each petition within ten days of receipt of the  
23 copies and immediately notify the cities proposed to be consolidated  
24 of the sufficiency. Upon receipt of notice from the county auditor or  
25 auditors, the cities must file notice of the proposed action with the  
26 office of financial management for its review pursuant to section 1  
27 of this act. If each of the petitions is found to have sufficient  
28 valid signatures, the auditor or auditors shall call a special  
29 election at which the question of whether such cities shall  
30 consolidate shall be submitted to the voters of each of such cities.  
31 If a general election is to be held more than ninety days but not  
32 more than one hundred eighty days after the filing of the last  
33 petition, the question shall be submitted at that election. Otherwise  
34 the question shall be submitted at a special election to be called  
35 for that purpose at the next special election date, as specified in  
36 RCW 29A.04.330, that occurs ninety or more days after the date when  
37 the last petition was filed.

38       If each of the petitions is found to have sufficient valid  
39 signatures, the auditor or auditors also shall notify the county

1 legislative authority of each county in which the cities are located  
2 of the proposed consolidation.

3 Petitions shall conform with the requirements for form prescribed  
4 in RCW 35A.01.040, except different colored paper may be used on  
5 petitions circulated in the different cities. A legal description of  
6 the cities need not be included in the petitions."

EFFECT: Makes the following changes to the underlying bill:

(1) Eliminates authority of the Office of Financial Management (OFM), proposed in the underlying bill, to approve a proposed annexation, deannexation, incorporation, disincorporation, or consolidation of cities, or a boundary line adjustment, when the proposed action is accepted or approved by the appropriate entity, and specifies instead that the OFM reviews such actions.

(2) Deletes a provision in the underlying bill that requires the OFM to notify affected parties when it denies approval of a proposed annexation, deannexation, incorporation, disincorporation, or consolidation of cities, or a boundary line adjustment.

(3) Makes technical corrections.

--- END ---