

SHB 2708 - H AMD 740

By Representative McCaslin

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1 On page 1, line 13, after "town" insert ", except as provided
2 otherwise in subsection (c) of this subsection,"

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4 On page 2, line 8, after "(c)" insert the following:

5 "(i) The fire protection district established by the city or town
6 legislative authority must be:

7 (A) Coextensive with the corporate boundaries of the city or town;
8 or

9 (B) If a municipal airport is located in whole or in part within
10 the corporate boundaries of the city or town and the governing body of
11 the municipal airport has not approved inclusion of the municipal
12 airport within the fire protection district, coextensive with the
13 corporate boundaries of the city or town excluding any area containing
14 the municipal airport. The boundaries of the proposed fire protection
15 district may include land on which the municipal airport is located
16 only if inclusion in the district is approved by a majority of the
17 governing body of the municipal airport.

18 (ii) For purposes of this subsection, "municipal airport" means an
19 airport owned or operated by a municipality, as defined in RCW
20 14.08.015, other than the city or town, for which the municipality
21 provides fire protection or contracts with any private body or
22 political subdivision of the state to furnish fire protection.

23 (d)(i) The resolution may authorize the fire protection district
24 to establish an ambulance service to be operated by the district or
25 operated by contract after a call for bids. However, the fire
26 protection district may not provide for the establishment of an
27 ambulance service that would compete with any existing private

1 ambulance service, unless the district determines that the area served
2 by the district, or a substantial portion of the area served by the
3 district, is not adequately served by an existing private ambulance
4 service.

5 (ii) In determining the adequacy of an existing private ambulance
6 service, the fire protection district must take into consideration
7 objective generally accepted medical standards and reasonable levels
8 of service, which must be published by the district. If a fire
9 protection district makes a preliminary conclusion that an existing
10 private ambulance service is inadequate, the district must allow a
11 minimum of sixty days for the private ambulance service to meet the
12 generally accepted medical standards and accepted levels of service.
13 If the fire protection district makes a second preliminary conclusion
14 of inadequacy within a twenty-four-month period, the district may
15 immediately issue a call for bids or establish its own ambulance
16 service and is not required to afford the private ambulance service
17 another sixty-day period to meet the generally accepted medical
18 standards and reasonable levels of service.

19 (iii) A private ambulance service that is not licensed by the
20 department of health, or has had its license denied, suspended, or
21 revoked, is not entitled to a sixty-day period to demonstrate
22 adequacy, and the district may immediately issue a call for bids or
23 establish an ambulance service.

24 (e)"

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26 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
27 internal references accordingly.

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29 On page 2, beginning on line 34, strike all of subsection (d)

EFFECT: The amendment makes the following changes to the
underlying substitute bill:

(1) Prohibits the inclusion of a municipal airport within a proposed
fire protection district (district), unless the governing body of
the municipality, as defined in the Revised Airports Act (chapter

14.08 RCW), agrees to the airport's inclusion. If the governing body of the municipality does not approve of inclusion within the district, the boundaries of the proposed fire protection district must be coextensive with the corporate boundaries of the city or town excluding any area containing the municipal airport.

(2) Allows the city or town legislative authority, with the approval of voters, to authorize the proposed fire protection district to establish a district ambulance service or an ambulance service operated by contract after a call for bids. However, the district may not provide for the establishment of an ambulance service that would compete with any existing private ambulance service, unless the district determines that the existing private ambulance service is inadequate. A process for determining adequacy is provided.

(3) Strikes a provision in the underlying bill that provides that nothing in chapter 52.02 RCW, relating to the formation of fire protection districts, is intended to impair or affect the formation or continued existence of municipal airport fire departments or other powers authorized in provisions of the Revised Airports Act, chapter 14.08 RCW.

(4) Makes technical changes.

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