

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5887

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Authorizing longer leases for property at the former Northern State Hospital site.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by Senators Pearson and Ranker).

Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security
House Committee on Capital Budget

Background: Department of Enterprise Services (DES) Lease Authority. For most state agencies, DES has the statutory authority to acquire, lease, purchase, and dispose of real estate in consultation with the Office of Financial Management (OFM). DES has the general authority to set lease terms and conditions, but is prohibited from granting a lease that exceeds 20 years. A lease may exceed ten years only if OFM makes findings including that the long-term lease provides a more favorable rate for the state.

Northern State Hospital Site. Northern State Hospital, in Skagit County, was operated by the Department of Social and Health Services from 1909 to 1973. Approximately 225 acres of the main campus are managed by DES. The site currently includes 44 buildings with approximately 630,000 square feet of total space.

Summary: DES may lease property at the Northern State Hospital site for up to 60 years.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	97	0

Effective: July 24, 2015

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