# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

# BILL ANALYSIS

## **Local Government Committee**

## **HB 2508**

**Brief Description**: Simplifying the process for donating low-value surplus property owned by a city-owned utility.

**Sponsors**: Representatives Wylie and Vick.

### **Brief Summary of Bill**

 Allows surplus personal property or equipment with an estimated value of \$50,000 or less that was originally acquired for public utility purposes and is not required for continued public utility service to be disposed of without a resolution or public hearing.

Hearing Date: 1/28/20

Staff: Elizabeth Allison (786-7129).

#### **Background:**

When a city determines by resolution of its legislative authority that any lands, property, or equipment originally acquired for public utility purposes is surplus to the city's needs and is not required for providing continued public utility service, the legislative authority may by resolution and after public hearing lease, sell, or convey the lands, property or equipment. The resolution must state the fair market value or the rent or consideration to be paid, as well as other terms and conditions for disposition as the legislative authority deems to be in the best public interest.

## **Summary of Bill:**

Personal property or equipment with an estimated value of \$50,000 or less that was originally acquired for public utility purposes and is surplus to the city's needs and not required for providing continued public utility service may be disposed of without a resolution or public hearing.

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Appropriation: None.

**Fiscal Note**: Requested on 1/27/2020.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is

passed.

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