
Capital Budget Committee

HB 2359

Brief Description: Regarding the disposal of certain property owned by the University of Washington.

Sponsors: Representatives Ericks and O'Brien.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Transfers the control and management of the Wellington Hills property owned by the University of Washington in Woodinville, WA, to the Department of General Administration.
- Directs the Department of General Administration to sell the site at fair market value.

Hearing Date: 3/1/07

Staff: Susan Howson (786-7142).

Background:

In 1992, the University of Washington acquired the Wellington Hills property, located south and east of the junction of State Routes 9 and 522 in Snohomish County. The University of Washington originally planned to build a branch campus at this location, but that site conflicted with County growth limits. The acquisition cost was \$6.2 million, of which \$5.5 million was appropriated through the state's capital budget. The current use of the property is a public golf course.

Summary of Bill:

The control and management of the Wellington Hills property is transferred to the Department of General Administration (Department). The Department is directed to sell the site at fair market value. Proceeds from the sale must be deposited in the University of Washington Building Account. The Legislature intends to appropriate the proceeds for future expansion of the University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia Community College colocated campus. The

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Department may be reimbursed for their expenses out of the proceeds of the sale as approved by the Office of Financial Management.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on 2/27/07.

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