
Ecology & Parks Committee

HB 3276

Brief Description: Allowing a city to own land provided for the state horse park.

Sponsors: Representatives Eddy and Warnick.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows cities to provide land for the Washington State Horse Park.

Hearing Date: 2/1/08

Staff: Jaclyn Ford (786-7339).

Background:

A non-profit organization called the Washington State Horse Park Authority (Authority) has the responsibility to develop, promote, operate, manage, and maintain the Washington State Horse Park.

The Washington State Horse Park is a venue that will provide ample facilities to accommodate large horse events, as well as cater to smaller and less formal activities.

The future Washington State Horse Park lies off Interstate 90 in Cle Elum. The developers of Suncadia Resort have donated the 106 acre site to the Authority.

Counties may provide land for the Washington State Horse Park, and retain ownership of that land. The Legislature encourages counties to provide a long-term lease to the Authority at a minimal charge.

Summary of Bill:

A city is now eligible to provide land for the Washington State Horse Park. The city will be able to retain ownership of the land unless the city determines otherwise. The Legislature encourages the city to provide a long-term lease to the Authority at a minimal charge.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.