Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Local Government & Housing Committee

HB 1380

Brief Description: Changing the county population requirement in order for a county to lease space with an option to purchase.

Sponsors: Representatives Liias, Sells, O'Brien, Dunshee, Kirby and Kagi.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Decreases the county population requirement for a county to lease space.

Hearing Date: 2/4/09

Staff: Sara del Moral (786-7291)

Background:

Any county may be exempt from county leasing options specified under state law if it holds public hearings establishing procedures for property management consistent with the public interest.

State law grants counties with a population of 1 million or more authority to lease space. Such counties may provide for leasing through:

- leases with an option to purchase; and
- the acquisition of buildings erected upon leased land owned by the county.

Summary of Bill:

Provisions granting a county authority to lease space are amended. The minimum population of such counties is decreased from 1 million to 600,000.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

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