

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5882

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As Passed Senate, March 14, 1995

**Title:** An act relating to the authority of the state or a political subdivision to dispose of surplus property.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the disposal of surplus property by a governmental entity.

**Sponsors:** Senators Haugen, Moyer, Loveland and Deccio.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations: 2/23/95, 3/1/95 [DP].  
Passed Senate, 3/14/95, 43-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Drew, Hale, McCaslin and Winsley.

**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Background:** Before disposing of surplus property with an estimated value of more than \$5,000, the state or a political subdivision must hold a public hearing in the county where the property is located. Among other requirements, at least ten days but not more than 25 days prior to the hearing, there must be published a public notice stating the date, time, and place of the hearing at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the property is located. If the surplus is real property, the public news release must also describe the proposed use of the lands involved.

**Summary of Bill:** The estimated value of surplus property at which the state or a political subdivision must follow formal hearing and notice requirements for disposal is raised from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This will help us negotiate the sale of odd lots with the abutting property owners rather than put them up for sale to speculators.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Joel Crosby, Mike Piccolo, City of Spokane (pro).