
SENATE BILL 5021

State of Washington

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By Senator Pelz

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1 AN ACT Relating to the hosting of the Olympic games; adding a new
2 section to chapter 36.01 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to allow
5 the public to decide whether their community should host an
6 international Olympic games. While hosting such an event is a great
7 honor and has many advantages such as tourism and international
8 exposure, these advantages do not come without significant costs such
9 as infrastructure, traffic, increased security, and other public safety
10 concerns. In light of these costs, local government should not proceed
11 without the full support of its residents and taxpayers.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 A county that is the primary venue of the international Olympic
15 games may not expend funds in direct or indirect support of the hosting
16 of the games unless the hosting of the games has been approved by the
17 voters residing in the county. The ballot title shall read: "May
18 county funds be expended for the purpose of hosting the International

1 Olympic Games in (year)?" The election to determine the approval must
2 be under a resolution adopted by the county legislative authority and
3 conducted under chapter 29.13 RCW. This section does not prevent the
4 expenditure of public funds to develop and promote a proposal to host
5 the international Olympic games.

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