

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1346

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### As Passed House:

March 5, 1999

**Title:** An act relating to dissolution of a cultural arts, stadium and convention district.

**Brief Description:** Providing an alternative method for dissolving a cultural arts, stadium or convention district.

**Sponsors:** Representatives O'Brien, Koster, Cody, DeBolt, Constantine, Kessler, D. Schmidt, Edwards and Radcliff.

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

Local Government: 2/4/99, 2/22/99 [DP].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/5/99, 95-0.

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes an alternative method for dissolution of a cultural arts, stadium, and convention district.

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives Mulliken, Republican Co-Chair; Scott, Democratic Co-Chair; Doumit, Democratic Vice Chair; Mielke, Republican Vice Chair; Edwards; Ericksen; Fisher and Fortunato.

**Staff:** Scott MacColl (786-7106).

### Background:

A cultural arts, stadium, and convention district is created by a majority vote of the voters included within the district in a special election. A cultural arts, stadium, and convention district may finance capital facilities through a special election in which the

voters must approve a ballot proposition providing for both the bond issuance and imposition of levies to pay off the bonds.

A cultural arts, stadium, and convention district may be dissolved by a majority vote of the persons in the district. An election may be called by: (1) resolution of the district governing authority; (2) resolution of the county governing body; or (3) petition of the district voters.

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**Summary of Bill:**

A second method to dissolve a cultural arts, stadium, and convention district is authorized. A cultural arts, stadium and convention district may be dissolved without an election by a majority vote of the district governing body if the bond and levy financing ballot proposition is not approved by the voters.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** The city of Lynnwood wanted to build a convention center, but the proposal for the bond financing failed miserably at the polls in 1983, 1987, and 1998. Currently, the district cannot be dissolved without a vote of the district, which costs approximately \$60,000.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Representative O'Brien, prime sponsor; and Gary Nelson, Snohomish County Council.