

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6779

As Passed Senate, February 15, 2002

Title: An act relating to a military facilities task force.

Brief Description: Creating the military facilities task force.

Sponsors: Senators Haugen, B. Sheldon, Oke, Swecker, Rasmussen, Shin, Gardner, Roach, Hale and Costa.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 2/6/02 [DP].

Passed Senate: 2/15/02, 47-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Gardner, Chair; Fairley, Vice Chair; Hale, Haugen, Horn, Keiser, Kline, Roach, T. Sheldon and Swecker.

Staff: Diane Smith (786-7410)

Background: The federal government has made known its intent to close military bases in the interests of economy. These base closures are expected to occur within the next year or two. There exists no formal governmental structure to facilitate the combined efforts of the Governor, the Legislature, local governments, private industry and the military to avert base closure in this state.

Summary of Bill: The Military Facilities Task Force is created to coordinate statewide efforts to ensure the continued preeminence of the military bases in the state. The primary goal of the task force is to facilitate the selective privatization of the infrastructure serving these bases.

The membership of the task force is the executive committee of the Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs, representatives from affected local governments, two non-elected community leaders appointed by the Governor, the military authorities of each military base who wish to participate, and the Governor or his or her designee who serves as chair and provides staff support.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 5, 2002.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.