

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1048

As Reported by House Committee On:
Local Government

Title: An act relating to the submittal of local government tax estimates to counties.

Brief Description: Modifying the date for submitting local government property tax estimates to counties.

Sponsors: Representatives Linville, Jarrett, McIntire, Ericksen, Rodne and Clibborn.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Local Government: 1/17/05, 1/26/05 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Extends the deadline from November 15 until November 30 of each year for all cities, public agencies, public officials, and other local governmental entities within a county to submit to the county legislative authority estimated property tax revenues and/or budgets for the coming year.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 6 members: Representatives Simpson, Chair; Clibborn, Vice Chair; Schindler, Ranking Minority Member; Ahern, Takko and Woods.

Staff: Thamas Osborn (786-7129).

Background:

Not later than November 15 of each year, cities, public agencies, public officials, and other local governmental entities within a county are required by law to submit to the county legislative authority estimated property tax revenues and/or property tax-related budgets for the coming year. For the City of Seattle, this deadline is extended until November 30. The purpose of these statutory deadlines for the submission of this property tax-related information is to provide the county legislative authority with the data needed for levying district property taxes.

Summary of Bill:

The deadline for cities and other local governmental entities to submit property tax-related revenue and budget information to the county is extended from November 15 to November 30 of each year.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: This bill is essentially a technical revision of existing law that will give counties some needed leeway in completing their yearly budgeting process. The current deadline of November 15 does not allow enough time for local government entities and officials to provide the county legislative authority with the requisite property tax-related budget and revenue information. Extending the deadline until November 30 still allows the county assessor enough time to process the data necessary for levying district property taxes.

Testimony Against: None.

Persons Testifying: Jim Justin, Association of Washington Cities.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.