
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2251

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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Haler, Johnson, Young, and Ormsby)

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1 AN ACT Relating to public facilities districts; and amending RCW
2 35.57.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.57.020 and 2010 c 192 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1)(a) A public facilities district is authorized to acquire,
7 construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, finance,
8 and operate one or more regional centers. For purposes of this
9 chapter, "regional center" means a convention center, conference
10 center, ((~~or~~)) special events center, aquatics facility, or any
11 combination of facilities and/or centers, and related parking
12 facilities, serving a regional population constructed, improved, or
13 rehabilitated after July 25, 1999, at a cost of at least ten million
14 dollars, including debt service. "Regional center" also includes an
15 existing convention, conference, or special events center, and
16 related parking facilities, serving a regional population, that is
17 improved or rehabilitated after July 25, 1999, where the costs of
18 improvement or rehabilitation are at least ten million dollars,
19 including debt service. A "special events center" is a facility,
20 available to the public, used for community events, sporting events,
21 trade shows, and artistic, musical, theatrical, or other cultural

1 exhibitions, presentations, or performances. A regional center is
2 conclusively presumed to serve a regional population if state and
3 local government investment in the construction, improvement, or
4 rehabilitation of the regional center is equal to or greater than ten
5 million dollars.

6 (b) A public facilities district created under RCW
7 35.57.010(1)(e):

8 (i) Is authorized, in addition to the authority granted under (a)
9 of this subsection, to acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain,
10 equip, reequip, repair, finance, and operate one or more recreational
11 facilities other than a ski area;

12 (ii) If exercising its authority under (a) or (b)(i) of this
13 subsection, must obtain voter approval to fund each recreational
14 facility or regional center pursuant to RCW 82.14.048(~~(+3)~~) and may
15 ascertain the order projects are executed through the use of an
16 advisory ballot that reflects the preference of the voting public;
17 and

18 (iii) Possesses all of the powers with respect to recreational
19 facilities other than a ski area that all public facilities districts
20 possess with respect to regional centers under subsections (3), (4),
21 and (7) of this section.

22 (c) A public facilities district created under RCW 35.57.010(1)
23 by a city or town bordered by both the Columbia and Snake rivers may
24 not make any facility constructed after the effective date of this
25 section available to any prospective user for an event that is not
26 open to the public if reasonably comparable private facilities are
27 available within the boundaries of the public facilities district.
28 Facilities may only include equipment, amenities, and operations
29 directly related to the primary function of the facility. The
30 foregoing limitation does not apply to in-house day care, gift shops,
31 and food and beverage concessions.

32 (2) A public facilities district may enter into contracts with
33 any city or town for the purpose of exercising any powers of a
34 community renewal agency under chapter 35.81 RCW.

35 (3) A public facilities district may impose charges and fees for
36 the use of its facilities, and may accept and expend or use gifts,
37 grants, and donations for the purpose of a regional center.

38 (4) A public facilities district may impose charges, fees, and
39 taxes authorized in RCW 35.57.040, and use revenues derived therefrom
40 for the purpose of paying principal and interest payments on bonds

1 issued by the public facilities district to construct a regional
2 center.

3 (5) Notwithstanding the establishment of a career, civil, or
4 merit service system, a public facilities district may contract with
5 a public or private entity for the operation or management of its
6 public facilities.

7 (6) A public facilities district is authorized to use the
8 supplemental alternative public works contracting procedures set
9 forth in chapter 39.10 RCW in connection with the design,
10 construction, reconstruction, remodel, or alteration of any regional
11 center.

12 (7) A city or town in conjunction with any special agency,
13 authority, or other district established by a county or any other
14 governmental agency is authorized to use the supplemental alternative
15 public works contracting procedures set forth in chapter 39.10 RCW in
16 connection with the design, construction, reconstruction, remodel, or
17 alteration of any regional center funded in whole or in part by a
18 public facilities district.

19 (8) Any provision required to be submitted for voter approval
20 under this section, may not be submitted for voter approval prior to
21 January 1, 2011.

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