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HOUSE BILL 2455

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State of Washington

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By Representative Horn

Read first time 01/14/94. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

1 AN ACT Relating to regulation of amateur radio communication;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 36.32 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 Cities and towns, including code cities, are subject to the amateur  
8 radio preemption and other orders and rules adopted by the federal  
9 communications commission limiting their authority to restrict amateur  
10 radio antennas. Any restrictions that a city or town, including a code  
11 city, adopts relating to the height or location of amateur radio  
12 antennas, or establishing screening requirements for amateur radio  
13 antennas, that are based on public health, safety, or aesthetic  
14 considerations, must be crafted to reasonably accommodate amateur radio  
15 communications and must represent the minimal practicable regulation  
16 necessary to accomplish the city's or town's legitimate purposes.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.32 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

1 Counties are subject to the amateur radio preemption and other  
2 orders and rules adopted by the federal communications commission  
3 limiting their authority to restrict amateur radio antennas. Any  
4 restrictions that a county adopts relating to the height or location of  
5 amateur radio antennas, or establishing screening requirements for  
6 amateur radio antennas, that are based on public health, safety, or  
7 aesthetic considerations, must be crafted to reasonably accommodate  
8 amateur radio communications and must represent the minimal practicable  
9 regulation necessary to accomplish the county's legitimate purposes.

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