Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Office of Program Research

Trade & Economic Development Committee

HB 1742

Brief Description: Including sports and recreation facilities in public facilities districts' authority.

Sponsors: Representatives Rockefeller, Eickmeyer, McIntire, Lantz, Woods and Haigh.

Brief Summary of Bill

Authorizes a public facilities district to acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair and operate a recreational facility.

Hearing Date: 2/18/03

Staff: Tracey Taylor (786-7196).

Background:

A public facilities district may be created upon the adoption of a resolution by the county legislative authority in which the proposed district is located. A public facilities district is a municipal corporation, and an independent taxing authority within the meaning of Article VII, section 1 of state Constitution, and a taxing district within the meaning of Article VII, section 2 of the state Constitution. A public facilities district is a body corporate and possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes or specially conferred by statute.

A public facilities district is authorized to acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, and operate sports facilities, entertainment facilities, convention facilities or regional centers, together with contiguous parking facilities.

Summary of Bill:

A public facilities district is authorized to acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, and operate a recreational facility.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

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