

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1494

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Commerce & Trade, March 20, 2003

**Title:** An act relating to the disposition of property to a foreign entity.

**Brief Description:** Allowing state and local governments to sell and lease personal property to foreign entities.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Delvin, Cooper, Jarrett, Berkey, Upthegrove and Conway).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Commerce & Trade: 3/20/03 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & TRADE

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Honeyford, Chair; Hewitt, Vice Chair; Franklin and Keiser.

**Staff:** Elizabeth Mitchell (786-7430)

**Background:** The state, any municipality, or political subdivision of the state, may sell, transfer, exchange, lease, or dispose of real or personal property to the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the federal government.

Before disposing of surplus property with an estimated value greater than \$50,000, the state or local government must hold a public hearing in the county where the property is located. Notice must be published at least ten days, but not more than 25 days, before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the property is located. If the property is real property, the notice must also describe the proposed use of the lands involved. A news release must also be disseminated to the electronic media in the area where the property is located.

**Summary of Bill:** The state, any municipality, or political subdivision of the state, may sell, transfer, exchange, lease, or dispose of personal property, except weapons, to a foreign entity.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

**Testimony For:** Equipment that we no longer use can be used by the Peruvian government. We would like to be able to donate ambulances and fire trucks.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Representative Delvin, prime sponsor.