

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5865

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Including recreation facilities under certain public facilities districts' authority.

Sponsors: Senators B. Sheldon and Oke.

Senate Committee on Parks, Fish & Wildlife
House Committee on Trade & Economic Development

Background: A public facilities district may be created in any county by resolution of the county legislative authority. Public facilities districts are governed by a board of directors appointed by the county and largest city in the county. Districts formed prior to 2002 may impose a .33 percent sales tax that is deducted from the state sales tax and is not an increase to taxpayers. Public facilities districts also may levy a .2 percent sales tax and a 2 percent lodging tax if approved by a majority of voters in the district.

Public facilities districts are authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate sports facilities, entertainment facilities, convention facilities, or regional centers.

Summary: In addition to existing authorities, public facilities districts formed after January 1, 2000, may acquire, construct, maintain, and operate recreation facilities other than ski areas.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	39	10	
House	82	3	(House amended)
Senate	26	16	(Senate concurred)

Effective: July 27, 2003