
SENATE BILL 5088

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By Senators Regala, Winsley, Franklin and Fraser

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1 AN ACT Relating to certain lands in Tacoma used for school and
2 playground purposes; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in 1907, by
5 legislative enactment, the state of Washington dedicated certain lands
6 within the city of Tacoma for street, park, and boulevard purposes, and
7 provided that the interest would revert to the state in the event the
8 lands were used for other purposes. The legislature further finds that
9 a portion of such lands is adjacent to Jefferson elementary school, and
10 that Tacoma public schools, by permission from the city of Tacoma, has
11 utilized these lands for park and playground purposes in conjunction
12 with the operation of the school. The legislature further finds that
13 Tacoma public schools plan to renovate the elementary school, and that
14 the renovation will result in a small portion of the footprint of the
15 school buildings being located on the above-mentioned lands dedicated
16 by the state to the city of Tacoma. Tacoma public schools have
17 requested that the city of Tacoma approve a street vacation of these
18 lands to further this renovation, and that the legislature declare that
19 the reversionary provision in the 1907 legislation not be applicable to

1 this renovation. The legislature finds that the renovation and uses of
2 the lands dedicated to the city of Tacoma is fully consistent with the
3 purposes of the dedication in 1907, that public access and recreational
4 use of the school playgrounds will continue to be provided, and that
5 this act is necessary to ensure that the reversionary provision in the
6 enactment is not applicable to uses of these lands.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The city of Tacoma or its successor in
8 interest, including Tacoma public schools, may use the lands described
9 as block 279, being a part of school section 36, township 21 north,
10 range 2 east Willamette Meridian, as shown on the amended map of second
11 school land addition to the city of Tacoma referenced in section 2,
12 chapter 123, Laws of 1907, for public school purposes. The city of
13 Tacoma may vacate all or a portion of the street bordering such lands
14 for school purposes. Any reversionary interest declared in section 2,
15 chapter 123, Laws of 1907 is extinguished to the extent that such lands
16 are used for public school purposes or other purposes under the
17 declaration of such 1907 legislative enactment.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
20 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
21 immediately.

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