
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1321

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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Jenkin, Appleton, Nealey, and Gregerson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing certain public facilities
2 districts to acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip,
3 reequip, repair, finance, and operate one or more recreational
4 facilities other than a ski area with voter approval; and amending
5 RCW 35.57.020.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.57.020 and 2010 c 192 s 2 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1)(a) A public facilities district is authorized to acquire,
10 construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, finance,
11 and operate one or more regional centers. For purposes of this
12 chapter, "regional center" means a convention center, conference
13 center, ((~~or~~)) special events center, aquatics facility, or any
14 combination of facilities and/or centers, and related parking
15 facilities, serving a regional population constructed, improved, or
16 rehabilitated after July 25, 1999, at a cost of at least ten million
17 dollars, including debt service. "Regional center" also includes an
18 existing convention, conference, or special events center, and
19 related parking facilities, serving a regional population, that is
20 improved or rehabilitated after July 25, 1999, where the costs of
21 improvement or rehabilitation are at least ten million dollars,

1 including debt service. A "special events center" is a facility,
2 available to the public, used for community events, sporting events,
3 trade shows, and artistic, musical, theatrical, or other cultural
4 exhibitions, presentations, or performances. A regional center is
5 conclusively presumed to serve a regional population if state and
6 local government investment in the construction, improvement, or
7 rehabilitation of the regional center is equal to or greater than ten
8 million dollars.

9 (b) A public facilities district created under RCW 35.57.010(1)
10 (~~(e)~~;

11 ~~(i) Is authorized, in addition to the authority granted under (a)~~
12 ~~of this subsection, to acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain,~~
13 ~~equip, reequip, repair, finance, and operate one or more recreational~~
14 ~~facilities other than a ski area;~~

15 ~~(ii) If exercising its authority under (a) or (b)(i) of this~~
16 ~~subsection, must obtain voter approval to fund each recreational~~
17 ~~facility or regional center pursuant to RCW 82.14.048(3); and~~

18 ~~(iii) Possesses all of the powers with respect to recreational~~
19 ~~facilities other than a ski area that all public facilities districts~~
20 ~~possess with respect to regional centers under subsections (3), (4),~~
21 ~~and (7) of this section)) by a city or town bordered by both the~~
22 Columbia and Snake rivers may not make any facility constructed after
23 the effective date of this section available to any prospective user
24 for an event that is not open to the public if reasonably comparable
25 private facilities are available within the boundaries of the public
26 facilities district. Facilities may only include equipment,
27 amenities, and operations directly related to the primary function of
28 the facility. The foregoing limitation does not apply to in-house day
29 care, gift shops, and food and beverage concessions.

30 (2) A public facilities district may enter into contracts with
31 any city or town for the purpose of exercising any powers of a
32 community renewal agency under chapter 35.81 RCW.

33 (3) A public facilities district may impose charges and fees for
34 the use of its facilities, and may accept and expend or use gifts,
35 grants, and donations for the purpose of a regional center.

36 (4) A public facilities district may impose charges, fees, and
37 taxes authorized in RCW 35.57.040, and use revenues derived therefrom
38 for the purpose of paying principal and interest payments on bonds
39 issued by the public facilities district to construct a regional
40 center.

1 (5) Notwithstanding the establishment of a career, civil, or
2 merit service system, a public facilities district may contract with
3 a public or private entity for the operation or management of its
4 public facilities.

5 (6) A public facilities district is authorized to use the
6 supplemental alternative public works contracting procedures set
7 forth in chapter 39.10 RCW in connection with the design,
8 construction, reconstruction, remodel, or alteration of any regional
9 center.

10 (7) A city or town in conjunction with any special agency,
11 authority, or other district established by a county or any other
12 governmental agency is authorized to use the supplemental alternative
13 public works contracting procedures set forth in chapter 39.10 RCW in
14 connection with the design, construction, reconstruction, remodel, or
15 alteration of any regional center funded in whole or in part by a
16 public facilities district.

17 (8) Any provision required to be submitted for voter approval
18 under this section, may not be submitted for voter approval prior to
19 January 1, 2011.

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