
Local Government Committee

HB 1510

Brief Description: Establishing permanent funding for community preservation and development authorities approved through RCW 43.167.060.

Sponsors: Representatives Santos, Chopp, Fitzgibbon and Pollet.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires a county in which a community preservation and development authority is located to impose a \$1 impact assessment fee on each ticket sold for entry into a qualified facility.
- Establishes the Community Preservation and Development Authority Local Account in the custody of the State Treasurer.

Hearing Date: 2/7/23

Staff: Elizabeth Allison (786-7129).

Background:

Community Development and Preservation Authorities.

A community preservation and development authority (CPDA) allows for the creation of authorities dedicated to preserving or enhancing the unique historical or cultural character of communities adversely impacted by publicly-funded facilities, public works, capital projects, or other land use decisions.

A CPDA is formed by residents, property owners, employees, or business owners of an impacted community by presenting a proposal in writing to the appropriate legislative committees in the state House of Representatives and Senate. The proposal must include proposed boundaries and provisions. Formation of the CPDA is subject to legislative authorization by statute.

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The CPDA Account exists in the State Treasury and is composed of two subaccounts, one for operating purposes and one for capital purposes.

A CPDA must have at least one of the following purposes:

- revitalize, enhance, and preserve the unique character of impacted communities;
- mitigate the adverse effects of multiple major public facilities projects, public works projects, or capital projects with significant public funding; a secure community transition facility; or other land use decisions;
- restore a local area's sense of community;
- reduce the displacement of community members and businesses;
- stimulate the community's economic vitality;
- enhance public service provisions;
- improve the standard of living of community members; or
- preserve historic buildings or areas by returning them to economically productive uses that are compatible with or enhance their historic character.

There are currently two approved CPDAs, both in Seattle: the Pioneer Square-International District Community Preservation and Development Authority and the Central District Community Preservation and Development Authority.

Lumen Field.

The 325,000 square-foot Seahawks Stadium was established in 2002 with a seating capacity of 68,740, with 5,000 additional seats available for special events. Lumen Field has a roof covering 70 percent of the seating area. In 2004 Seahawks Stadium was renamed Qwest Field; in 2011 Qwest Field was renamed to CenturyLink Field; and in 2020 CenturyLink Field was given its current name, Lumen Field.

T-Mobile Park.

In 1999 the 88,000 square-foot Safeco Field was established with a seating capacity of 47,000 and a retractable roof. In 2018 Safeco Field was renamed T-Mobile Park.

Summary of Bill:

Counties in which a CPDA is located must, by resolution or ordinance, impose a \$1 impact assessment fee on the price of admission for each ticket sold for entry into a qualified facility. The fee is in addition to any other taxes or fees imposed on a ticket sold for admission.

A Community Preservation and Development Authority Local Account is established in the custody of the State Treasurer. The proceeds of the fee must be deposited into this account and expenditures may only be used by a CPDA for projects approved for a CPDA. Such expenditures may only be authorized by the State Treasurer, and the State Treasurer must disburse funds on a quarterly basis to the county and the CPDA.

A qualified facility is a facility located in a county in which a CPDA is established that:

- has a seating capacity of at least 68,000 fixed seats in an open-air stadium and has related event space of at least 300,000 square feet; or
- has a seating capacity of at least 47,000 seats for its main use and a retractable roof.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 26, 2023.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on January 1, 2024.