

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1978

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Adding special purpose and junior taxing districts to the intrastate mutual aid system.

Sponsors: Representatives Rule, Volz, Ryu, Ramel, Ormsby and Reeves; by request of Military Department.

House Committee on Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans
Senate Committee on State Government & Elections

Background:

Intrastate Mutual Aid System.

The Intrastate Mutual Aid System provides mutual assistance in an emergency among political subdivisions and federally recognized Indian tribes that choose to participate. Member jurisdictions may request mutual assistance for: (1) response, mitigation, or recovery activities related to an emergency; or (2) participation in drills or exercises in preparing for an emergency.

Member Jurisdictions.

Member jurisdictions of the Intrastate Mutual Aid System include political subdivisions and certain federally recognized Indian tribes. Political subdivisions are member jurisdictions unless the jurisdiction provides a resolution or ordinance to the Military Department electing not to participate. Membership includes every county, city, and town and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

Special Purpose and Junior Taxing Districts.

Special purpose districts include municipal and quasi-municipal corporations other than counties, cities, and towns. These municipal corporations include water-sewer districts, fire

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protection districts, port districts, public utility districts, county park and recreation service areas, flood control zone districts, diking districts, drainage improvement districts, and solid waste collection districts. Industrial development districts created by port districts, local improvement districts, utility local improvement districts, and road improvement districts are not special purpose districts.

Junior taxing districts include all taxing districts other than the state, counties, road districts, cities, towns, port districts, and public utility districts.

Summary:

Special purpose districts and junior taxing districts are included as member jurisdictions of the Intrastate Mutual Aid System. A special purpose district or junior taxing district that elects not to participate in the Intrastate Mutual Aid System will be released from membership after providing the Military Department with a resolution or ordinance.

Votes on Final Passage:

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| House | 97 | 0 |
| Senate | 49 | 0 |

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