

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5749

As of February 17, 1995

Title: An act relating to authorizing the payment of property taxes by credit card.

Brief Description: Authorizing the payment of property taxes by credit card.

Sponsors: Senators Winsley, Haugen, McCaslin, Hale and Fraser.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 2/23/95.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Staff: Diane Smith (786-7410)

Background: Property taxes shall be paid to the county treasurer in one payment, by April 30, or in two payments, 1/2 by April 30 and 1/2 by October 31. There is no provision for the treasurer to accept property tax payments by credit card.

Summary of Bill: The county treasurer is given the authority to choose to accept payment of property taxes by credit card. The treasurer may collect up to a 5 percent processing charge and adopt reasonable procedures to avoid the fraudulent use of credit cards.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.