

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 2431

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Refining provisions concerning the Southwest Washington Fair.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives DeBolt, Alexander, Mielke, Johnson and Pennington).

**House Committee on Government Administration**  
**House Committee on Appropriations**  
**Senate Committee on Government Operations**

**Background:** The Southwest Washington Fair is categorized as a county and district fair but considered an agricultural fair for funding allocation purposes. In 1973, the commission that had managed the fair was abolished. Administration and control of all commission obligations were transferred to the Lewis County Board of Commissioners and title to all fair property was vested in the board.

The board is authorized to appoint a citizens' commission to advise and assist in carrying out the fair. The board chair is required to serve as the chair of the advisory committee.

The board is also authorized to acquire and improve real property for Fair purposes. Any surplus property may be sold or exchanged according to specified procedures.

Local governments may by ordinance or resolution create public corporations, commissions and authorities to perform specified functions and may transfer funds, property or services to such entities.

**Summary:** Provisions regarding management and operation of the Southwest Washington Fair are revised.

As an alternative to appointing an advisory committee, the Lewis County Board of Commissioners may appoint a designee to fulfill all of the board's obligations with respect to the fair. The chair of the board may, but is not required to, serve as the chair of any advisory committee that is appointed.

Fair property is under the jurisdiction of Lewis County and under the management and control of the board or its designee. Any exchange of surplus fair property must be conducted according to Lewis County property management regulations.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 95 2

Senate 45 0

**Effective:** June 11, 1998