

SB 5354 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Local Government & Housing

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1 Beginning on page 1, line 18, after "islands" strike all material
2 through "boundaries" on page 2, line 4, and insert "that receives
3 medical services from a hospital district, but is prevented by
4 geography and the absence of contiguous boundaries from annexing to
5 that district"

6 Beginning on page 2, line 16, strike all of section 3 and insert
7 the following:

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HOSPITAL CAPITAL
9 FACILITY AREA--BALLOT PROPOSITIONS. (1)(a) Upon receipt of a completed
10 petition to both establish a public hospital capital facility area and
11 submit a ballot proposition under section 7 of this act to finance
12 public hospital capital facilities and other capital health care
13 facilities, the legislative authority of the county in which a proposed
14 public hospital capital facility area is to be established shall submit
15 separate ballot propositions to voters to authorize establishing the
16 proposed public hospital capital facility area and authorizing the
17 public hospital capital facility area, if established, to finance
18 public hospital capital facilities or other capital health care
19 facilities by issuing general indebtedness and imposing excess levies
20 to retire the indebtedness. A petition submitted under this section
21 must be accompanied by a written request to establish a public hospital
22 capital facility area that is signed by a majority of the commissioners
23 of the public hospital district serving the proposed area.

24 (b) The ballot propositions must be submitted to voters of the
25 proposed public hospital capital facility area at a general or special
26 election. If the proposed election date is not a general election, the
27 county legislative authority is encouraged to request an election when
28 another unit of local government with territory located in the proposed
29 public hospital capital facility area is already holding a special

1 election under RCW 29A.04.330. Approval of the ballot proposition to
2 create a public hospital capital facility area requires a sixty percent
3 affirmative vote by the voters participating in the election.

4 (2) A completed petition submitted under this section must include:

5 (a) A description of the boundaries of the public hospital capital
6 facility area; and

7 (b) A copy of a resolution of the legislative authority of each
8 city, town, and hospital district with territory in the proposed public
9 hospital capital facility area indicating both: (i) Approval of the
10 creation of the proposed public hospital capital facility area; and
11 (ii) agreement on how election costs will be paid for ballot
12 propositions to voters that authorize the public hospital capital
13 facility area to incur general indebtedness and impose excess levies to
14 retire the general indebtedness."

15 On page 3, line 16, after "facility" insert "area"

16 On page 3, line 21, after "proposed" strike "district" and insert
17 "public hospital capital facility area"

18 On page 5, at the beginning of line 36, strike "chapter 70.44 RCW"
19 and insert "this chapter"

EFFECT: (1) Removes a provision that requires island counties
choosing to establish a public hospital capital facility area (facility
area) to have a total land area of between 38 and 40 square miles. (2)
Changes references in facility area establishment provisions from
"written request" to "petition." (3) Changes an erroneous reference in
provisions pertaining to limitations on legal challenges from "chapter
70.44 RCW" to "this chapter." (4) Makes numerous technical changes.

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