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**SENATE BILL 5515**

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**By** Senators Walsh and Takko

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing certain public facilities  
2 districts to acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip,  
3 reequip, repair, finance, and operate one or more recreational  
4 facilities other than a ski area with voter approval; and amending  
5 RCW 35.57.020.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.57.020 and 2010 c 192 s 2 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (1)(a) A public facilities district is authorized to acquire,  
10 construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, finance,  
11 and operate one or more regional centers. For purposes of this  
12 chapter, "regional center" means a convention, conference, or special  
13 events center, or any combination of facilities, and related parking  
14 facilities, serving a regional population constructed, improved, or  
15 rehabilitated after July 25, 1999, at a cost of at least ten million  
16 dollars, including debt service. "Regional center" also includes an  
17 existing convention, conference, or special events center, and  
18 related parking facilities, serving a regional population, that is  
19 improved or rehabilitated after July 25, 1999, where the costs of  
20 improvement or rehabilitation are at least ten million dollars,  
21 including debt service. A "special events center" is a facility,

1 available to the public, used for community events, sporting events,  
2 trade shows, and artistic, musical, theatrical, or other cultural  
3 exhibitions, presentations, or performances. A regional center is  
4 conclusively presumed to serve a regional population if state and  
5 local government investment in the construction, improvement, or  
6 rehabilitation of the regional center is equal to or greater than ten  
7 million dollars.

8 (b) A public facilities district created under RCW  
9 35.57.010(1)(e):

10 (i) Is authorized, in addition to the authority granted under (a)  
11 of this subsection, to acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain,  
12 equip, reequip, repair, finance, and operate one or more recreational  
13 facilities other than a ski area;

14 (ii) If exercising its authority under (a) or (b)(i) of this  
15 subsection, must obtain voter approval to fund each recreational  
16 facility or regional center pursuant to RCW 82.14.048(~~(3)~~) (4)(a);  
17 and

18 (iii) Possesses all of the powers with respect to recreational  
19 facilities other than a ski area that all public facilities districts  
20 possess with respect to regional centers under subsections (3), (4),  
21 and (7) of this section.

22 (c) A public facilities district created under  
23 RCW 35.57.010(1)(a) by a city or town that participated in the  
24 creation of an additional public facilities district under  
25 RCW 35.57.010(1)(e):

26 (i) Is authorized, in addition to the authority granted under (a)  
27 of this subsection, to acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain,  
28 equip, reequip, repair, finance, and operate one or more recreational  
29 facilities other than a ski area;

30 (ii) If exercising its authority under (c)(i) of this subsection,  
31 must obtain voter approval to fund each recreational facility  
32 pursuant to RCW 82.14.048(4)(a); and

33 (iii) Possesses all of the powers with respect to recreational  
34 facilities other than a ski area that all public facilities districts  
35 possess with respect to regional centers.

36 (2) A public facilities district may enter into contracts with  
37 any city or town for the purpose of exercising any powers of a  
38 community renewal agency under chapter 35.81 RCW.

1 (3) A public facilities district may impose charges and fees for  
2 the use of its facilities, and may accept and expend or use gifts,  
3 grants, and donations for the purpose of a regional center.

4 (4) A public facilities district may impose charges, fees, and  
5 taxes authorized in RCW 35.57.040, and use revenues derived therefrom  
6 for the purpose of paying principal and interest payments on bonds  
7 issued by the public facilities district to construct a regional  
8 center.

9 (5) Notwithstanding the establishment of a career, civil, or  
10 merit service system, a public facilities district may contract with  
11 a public or private entity for the operation or management of its  
12 public facilities.

13 (6) A public facilities district is authorized to use the  
14 supplemental alternative public works contracting procedures set  
15 forth in chapter 39.10 RCW in connection with the design,  
16 construction, reconstruction, remodel, or alteration of any regional  
17 center.

18 (7) A city or town in conjunction with any special agency,  
19 authority, or other district established by a county or any other  
20 governmental agency is authorized to use the supplemental alternative  
21 public works contracting procedures set forth in chapter 39.10 RCW in  
22 connection with the design, construction, reconstruction, remodel, or  
23 alteration of any regional center funded in whole or in part by a  
24 public facilities district.

25 (8) Any provision required to be submitted for voter approval  
26 under this section, may not be submitted for voter approval prior to  
27 January 1, 2011.

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