

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 6816

As Reported by House Committee On:
Local Government

Title: An act relating to cemetery districts.

Brief Description: Allowing county cemetery districts to include areas within cities and towns.

Sponsors: Senator Zarelli.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Local Government: 2/20/06 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Removes a population threshold, thereby allowing cemetery districts to include any incorporated territory within their boundaries, subject to certain limitations.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 6 members: Representatives Simpson, Chair; Clibborn, Vice Chair; Schindler, Ranking Minority Member; Ahern, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Takko and Woods.

Staff: Kasa Tupua (786-7291).

Background:

A cemetery district is authorized to acquire, establish, maintain, manage, improve, and operate cemeteries. A cemetery district may include within its boundaries any incorporated lands from a city or town with a population of less than 10,000, and thus acquire any cemetery or cemeteries maintained and operated by any such city or town.

A cemetery district may not, however operate a cemetery within the corporate limits of a city or town where a private, for-profit cemetery operates.

Summary of Bill:

The population limit prohibiting cemetery districts from including incorporated lands within their districts from cities or towns with 10,000 or more residents is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Allowing cemetery districts to include any incorporated lands from a city or town is rather straightforward and important.

Testimony Against: None.

Persons Testifying: Lloyd Halverson, City of Camas.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.