

Section 4 of the bill would create an agricultural market development advisory committee. Members of the committee would be appointed by the Governor and advise the director of the Department of Agriculture on the development and administration of agricultural marketing programs to be conducted by the department.

I believe that the idea of having strong private sector involvement in state government agricultural marketing activities is good public policy. Business background and experience would strengthen program implementation and help to ensure successful operations. However, I also believe that it would be more efficient for the director of the Department of Agriculture to organize such advisory committees and appoint the members directly. The Director already has the authority to appoint advisory committees, when necessary, and can proceed as intended by this legislation.

With the exception of Section 4, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1234 is approved."

CHAPTER 160

[Substitute House Bill No. 1044]

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS—PLATS—IRRIGATION REQUIREMENTS

AN ACT Relating to plats within irrigation districts; and amending RCW 58.17.310.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 150, Laws of 1973 and RCW 58.17.310 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to any other requirements imposed by the provisions of this chapter, the legislative authority of any city, town, or county shall not approve a short plat or final plat, as defined in RCW 58.17.020, for any subdivision, short subdivision, lot, tract, parcel, or site which lies in whole or in part in an irrigation district organized pursuant to chapter 87.03 RCW unless there has been provided an irrigation water right of way for each parcel of land in such district and ((such)), if the subdivision, short subdivision, lot, tract, parcel, or site lies within land classified as irrigable, it contains completed irrigation water distribution facilities. Facilities shall be installed in the same manner and time as other utilities according to standards and ordinances of the local jurisdiction. The irrigation district shall provide the local legislative authority with suggested specifications for approved irrigation facilities. The irrigation district shall also suggest to the local legislative authority or appropriate planning agency the irrigation facilities that should be required as a condition for approving such a short plat or plat. Rights of way shall be evidenced by the respective plats submitted for final approval to the appropriate legislative authority. Compliance with the requirements of this section together with all other applicable provisions of this chapter shall be a prerequisite, within the expressed purpose of this chapter, to any sale, lease, or development of land in this state.

Passed the House March 21, 1985.

Passed the Senate April 12, 1985.

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