FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2226

C 161 L 94 Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring cities and towns to provide notice for rate increases for solid waste handling services.

By House Committee on Environmental Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Horn, Rust and Cooke).

House Committee on Environmental Affairs Senate Committee on Ecology & Parks

Background: Solid waste collection companies operating in the unincorporated areas of a county are regulated by the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC). A city has the options of allowing the UTC to regulate collection, operating a city collection service, or regulating a private collection company.

A solid waste collection company regulated by the UTC is required to provide 45 days notice to the UTC and the public before changing rates or service levels.

Summary: Cities that do not opt for UTC-regulated collection are required to notify the public of a change in solid waste rates 45 days prior to the proposed date of the rate change. Notification may occur through the mail or through the newspaper.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 93 0
Senate 47 0 (Senate amended)
House (House refused to concur)
Senate 42 2 (Senate receded)

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