

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESSB 5110

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to sewer and water districts.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Drew and Winsley)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

BACKGROUND:

When considering competitive bids for contracts for work and material, water districts and sewer districts may reject bids that are "unsatisfactory." It is not clear that this standard would include consideration of the past performance record of a contractor or changed circumstances since the advertisement for bids.

Water districts and sewer districts do not have authority to solicit voluntary contributions from their customers to assist indigent customers. Public utility districts do have this authority.

SUMMARY:

Water districts and sewer districts may reject contract bids "for good cause."

Sewer and water districts may solicit voluntary contributions from customers to be paid with regular billings to assist indigent customers.

Archaic terminology is corrected and gender inclusive terms are added.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	42	3
House	98	0

EFFECTIVE: July 25, 1993