

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5799

AS PASSED SENATE, MARCH 9, 1993

Brief Description: Providing address designations on subdivision approvals for improved utility placements.

SPONSORS: Senators Nelson and Sutherland

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & UTILITIES

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Sutherland, Chairman; Jesernig, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Hochstatter, McCaslin, Owen, Vognild, and Williams.

Staff: Ben Barnes (786-7198)

Hearing Dates: March 1, 1993

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

BACKGROUND:

A "short plat" is a map or representation of a short subdivision. A "short subdivision" is the division of land into four or fewer lots, tracts, parcels, or sites for the purpose of sale, lease, or transfer of ownership. A "subdivision," in contrast, is the division of land into five or more lots, tracts, parcels, or sites for the purpose of sale, lease or transfer of ownership.

The legislative authority of a city, town, or county is authorized to adopt regulations and procedures for the approval of short plats and short subdivisions. Existing regulations and procedures governing the approval of short plats, short subdivisions, and subdivisions do not include requirements for a lot numbering system and a house address system.

It is suggested that requiring lot numbers and house addresses on short plats, short subdivisions, and subdivisions as a condition of approval would aid emergency medical services personnel in locating homes under construction.

SUMMARY:

Cities, towns, and counties are directed to include requirements for a lot numbering system and a house address system in their regulations and procedures for approving short plats.

A lot numbering system and a house address system are required as a condition of subdivision approval and must be clearly shown on the final plat.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR:

The bill would integrate lot numbering and house address systems earlier into the platting process in order to facilitate the installation of utility service prior to the issuance of a building permit.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Bob Oenning, DCD/EMD (pro); Gary Bowman, Thurston County E911 (pro); Tom Walker, U.S. West (pro); Ron Newbry, Pacificorp (pro)

HOUSE AMENDMENT(S):

The amendatory language is added to the statute that allows cities, towns and counties to regulate the naming and numbering of subdivisions.