

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5637

As Passed Senate, March 12, 1997

Title: An act relating to the residency of the county road engineer.

Brief Description: Removing residency requirements for county road engineers.

Sponsors: Senators Haugen, Horn, Rasmussen and Winsley; by request of County Road Administration Board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 2/18/97 [DP].
Passed Senate, 3/12/97, 46-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McCaslin, Chair; Hale, Vice Chair; Anderson, Haugen, Horn, Patterson and Swanson.

Staff: Eugene Green (786-7405)

Background: The county legislative authority of each county with a population of 8,000 or more must employ a full-time county road engineer who resides in the county. The county legislative authority of each other county (Ferry, Columbia, Wahkiakum, Garfield) must employ a county engineer on either a full-time or part-time basis, who need not be a resident of the county, or may contract with another county for the services of a county road engineer.

Summary of Bill: The requirement that the full-time county road engineer of each county with a population of 8,000 or more must reside in the county is eliminated.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The requirement is no longer needed. This is from a long time ago when transportation was slow, so it was necessary to have the county engineer live not too far from the courthouse.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Peter Hahn, Snohomish County (pro); Eric Berger, CRAB (pro).