

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6313

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As of January 22, 1998

**Title:** An act relating to storm water control facilities.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing consideration of the income level of customers when setting rates and charges for a storm water control facility.

**Sponsors:** Senators Swecker, Rasmussen and Goings.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Energy & Utilities: 1/26/98.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & UTILITIES

**Staff:** Andrea McNamara (786-7483)

**Background:** County legislative authorities may, by resolution, fix the rates and charges for furnishing storm water control services. Such rates and charges may be levied against anyone who receives services or benefits from any storm water control facility or anyone who contributes to an increase of surface water runoff.

When setting rates and charges, counties may currently consider five factors: (1) the services being furnished; (2) the benefits being received; (3) the character and use of land or its water runoff characteristics; (4) the nonprofit public benefit status of the land user; or (5) any other matters which present a reasonable difference as a ground for distinction.

**Summary of Bill:** In fixing rates and charges for storm water control services, a county legislative authority may also consider the income level of those provided storm water control benefits, including senior citizens and disabled persons.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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