

1592-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Bush, Kastama, Mulliken, Regala, K. Schmidt, McDonald, Lantz, Robertson, Chandler, Poulsen, Talcott, Backlund, McMorris, Thompson, O'Brien, Linville, Dunn and Sheldon)

Brief Title: Providing tax exemptions for small water districts and systems.

**HB 1592-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that degradation of water quality exists in small water systems throughout the state and that satellite management and consolidation of small systems under a centralized management structure can best utilize existing resources available to assure safe, clean drinking water.

Finds that granting business and occupation and excise tax relief, under certain conditions, will assist smaller water districts to meet state and federal standards.

Applies to amounts received for water services supplied by a water-sewer district established under Title 57 RCW that has been certified by the department of health as:

- (1) Having less than one thousand five hundred connections;
- and
- (2) Charging residential water rates that exceed one hundred twenty-five percent of the state-wide average water rate.

Expires July 1, 2003.