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Brief Title: Concerning the transfer of solid waste regulatory authority back and forth between cities and the utilities and transportation commission.

**HB 1596 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that, after the incorporation of any city or town, the utilities and transportation commission shall continue to regulate solid waste collection within the limits of the incorporated city or town until such time as the city or town notifies the commission, in writing, of its decision to contract for solid waste collection or provide solid waste collection itself pursuant to RCW 81.77.020.

Declares that, in the event the incorporating city or town at any time decides to contract for solid waste collection or decides to undertake solid waste collection itself, the holder of any such franchise or permit that is so canceled shall be forthwith granted by the incorporating city or town a franchise to continue such business within the incorporated territory for a term of not less than the remaining term of the original franchise or permit.

Provides that a city, town, or combined city-county may at any time reverse its decision to exercise its authority under RCW 81.77.020.