

5670-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators McCaslin, Haugen and Roach; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission)

Brief Title: Regulating solid waste collection certificates in effect within cities and towns.

**SB 5670-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

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 the remaining term of the original franchise or permit or seven years, whichever is shorter.

Provides that, in the event that any person, firm, or corporation whose franchise or permit has been canceled in whole or in part by the terms of this section suffers any measurable damages as a result of any incorporation pursuant to this chapter, such person, firm, or corporation has a right of action against any city or town causing such damages.

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.