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Sponsor(s): Senators Swecker, Morton and Winsley

Brief Title: Requiring health boards to respond to requests for on-site sewage permits in a timely manner.

**SB 5838 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Requires a local health officer to respond to the applicant for an on-site sewage system permit within thirty days after receiving a fully completed application. The local health officer must respond that the application is either approved, denied, or pending.

Provides that a local health officer may not limit the number of alternative sewage systems within his or her jurisdiction without cause.

Declares that, as an alternative means to forming a water-sewer district, a county legislative authority may authorize the formation of a water-sewer district to serve a new development that at the time of formation does not have any residents, if it finds that the formation of such a district is in the public interest.