

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 6349

PARTIAL VETO

C 32 L 00

Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Extending the expiration date of the water well delegation program.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Eide, Morton, Swecker, Prentice, Fraser, McAuliffe and Rasmussen).

Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources
House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology

Background: Under existing law, the Department of Ecology may delegate some of its authority to regulate water well construction and decommissioning to local health districts or counties who request the delegation and have the capability to exercise the authority. The existing law was first enacted in 1992 and amended in 1993 and 1996. Delegation is accomplished through a memorandum of agreement and is limited to administration of well identification, sealing, and decommissioning requirements. Fees are shared.

Summary: The expiration date of the water well delegation program is extended from June 30, 2000 to June 30, 2006.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	1
House	97	0

Effective: June 8, 2000

Partial Veto Summary: The expiration date is vetoed, making the delegation program permanent, consistent with its proven success and cost-effectiveness.