

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESB 6682

As Passed Senate, February 19, 2002

Title: An act relating to restricting utility assessments and charges for certain mobile home parks.

Brief Description: Restricting utility connection charges for certain mobile home parks.

Sponsors: Senators Winsley and Prentice.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions: 2/7/02 [DP, DNP].
Passed Senate: 2/19/02, 46-1.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Hochstatter, Honeyford, Rasmussen, Regala, West and Winsley.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Gardner.

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Background: There is concern that some mobile home parks may be required to pay utility fees even though the parks are not connected to utilities.

Summary of Bill: A mobile home park cannot be required to pay a utility connection charge until the park connects to the utility. This provision applies retroactively. Cities, towns, and counties may require a mobile home park to replace a septic system with a sewer if: (1) the local health department determines that the septic system is failing; or (2) it has been at least five years since the initial request to replace the septic system.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.