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Sponsor(s): Senator Finkbeiner

Brief Description: Modifying requirements concerning on-site sewage disposal systems.

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Recognizes that a major source of nonpoint pollution is failing on-site sewage disposal systems. The 1999-2001 Puget Sound water quality work plan, developed by the Puget Sound water quality action team, indicates that local governments have reported failure rates for on-site sewage disposal systems of up to twenty-five percent along the shoreline of Puget Sound.

Finds that pollution from these failing systems poses a risk to public health and water quality, and significantly impacts the shellfish industry.

Finds that the public health and water quality can be better protected by: The development of better data; the development of clear lines of responsibility between the designer, installers, and homeowners; and clarifications to the existing law regarding on-site sewage disposal systems.