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HOUSE BILL 1894

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By Representatives Seaquist and Angel

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1            AN ACT Relating to jurisdictional public highway transfers between  
2 a city or county and the state; adding a new section to chapter 35.21  
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that a  
6 public water or sewer utility district be absolved of the  
7 responsibility of paying for upgrades to or the removal or deactivation  
8 of existing buried pipelines under public highways that have come under  
9 control of the state, as long as the buried pipelines met applicable  
10 standards as established at the time of installation.

11           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13           Upon the jurisdictional transfer of a public highway from city or  
14 county control to state control, the state must assume all  
15 responsibility with respect to the upgrade, deactivation, or removal of  
16 existing water or sewer pipelines beneath the public highway, provided  
17 that the pipelines met the applicable standards and requirements

1 established by the transferring jurisdiction at the time of  
2 installation.

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