

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5032

As Reported by House Committee On:
Local Government

Title: An act relating to the membership of metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committees.

Brief Description: Changing qualifications for appointees to metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committees.

Sponsors: Senators Pridemore, Swecker and Chase.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Local Government: 3/4/11, 3/8/11 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes a water-sewer district to appoint a non-commissioner, rather than a commissioner, to serve on a metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Takko, Chair; Tharinger, Vice Chair; Angel, Ranking Minority Member; Asay, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Smith, Springer and Upthegrove.

Staff: Heather Emery (786-7136).

Background:

State law authorizes any area of the state containing two or more cities, at least one corporation of which has a population of 10,000 or more, to create a metropolitan municipal corporation to perform one or more of the following functions: metropolitan water pollution abatement, metropolitan water supply, metropolitan public transportation, metropolitan garbage disposal, metropolitan parks and parkways, and metropolitan comprehensive planning. The legislative body of a corporation is a metropolitan council (council).

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The council of a corporation charged with performing water pollution abatement must form a metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee (advisory committee) to advise the council in matters related to the performance of the water pollution abatement function. Membership on the advisory committee must include an appointee from each component city and county that operates a sewer system and a member of the board of commissioners of each water-sewer district that operates a sewer system, any part of which lies within the metropolitan area.

Summary of Bill:

The requirement that a member of the board of commissioners for each water-sewer district in the metropolitan area serve on the advisory committee is modified to allow such a board to appoint a non-commissioner to serve on the advisory committee.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This bill is a simple fix that would allow a water-sewer district to appoint a technically acute appointee to a metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee. Participating cities generally appoint someone like the public works director, and water-sewer districts would like the same leeway.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Joe Daniels, Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.