

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 1074

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections, March 14, 2011

**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:** Representatives Takko, Angel, Springer, Upthegrove and Fitzgibbon.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/07/11, 88-0.

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections: 3/10/11, 3/14/11 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Pridemore, Chair; Prentice, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Chase, Nelson and Roach.

**Staff:** Karen Epps (786-7424)

**Background:** A metropolitan municipal corporation is a municipal corporation of the state and can be formed in any area of the state containing two or more cities, at least one of which has a population greater than 10,000. A metropolitan municipal corporation may perform one or more of the following functions: water pollution abatement, water supply, public transportation, garbage disposal, parks and parkways, and comprehensive planning.

If a metropolitan municipal corporation engages in water pollution abatement, it can own and operate water pollution abatement facilities and can fix rates and charges for the use of water pollution abatement facilities. Additionally, a metropolitan municipal corporation must form a metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee to advise the metropolitan municipal corporation on matters related to water pollution abatement. A metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee is comprised of members appointed by each city and county that operates a sewer system within the metropolitan area and a commissioner from each water-sewer district within the metropolitan area.

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**Summary of Bill:** The board of commissioners of a water-sewer district, operating within the metropolitan area of a metropolitan municipal corporation, may appoint one person to serve on the metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: The Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee is a technical advisory committee. It makes sense to send a more technical person to these committee meetings, rather than commissioner of a water-sewer district.

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