

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6214

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Environment, January 27, 2012

Title: An act relating to correcting technical statutory cross-references in previous private infrastructure development legislation for certain provisions relating to regulatory fees for wastewater companies.

Brief Description: Correcting technical statutory cross-references in previous private infrastructure development legislation for certain provisions relating to regulatory fees for wastewater companies.

Sponsors: Senators Kilmer, Kastama and Holmquist Newbry; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Environment: 1/24/12, 1/27/12 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Nelson, Chair; Rolfes, Vice Chair; Ericksen, Ranking Minority Member; Chase, Honeyford, Pridemore and Sheldon.

Staff: Karen Epps (786-7424)

Background: Certain wastewater companies may not provide sewerage services for compensation without first obtaining certificates from the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC). Wastewater companies subject to UTC jurisdiction are entities owning or proposing to develop and own sewerage systems (facilities and services to collect, treat, and dispose of sewage or storm or surface run-off) that are designed for a peak daily flow of 27,000 to 100,000 gallons if treatment is by large on-site sewerage systems, or to serve 100 or more customers. Excluded from UTC jurisdiction are publicly-owned wastewater systems and wastewater company service to customers outside of an urban growth area.

Summary of Bill: Statutory references are corrected to reference the provisions of the Public Utilities code that apply to regulatory fees for wastewater companies.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This is a technical correction bill. This bill addresses an incorrect reference to the statutes that was not caught last year that would address how the UTC establish regulatory fees, the account to which the fees would be deposited, and how the UTC would enforce failure to pay the fees.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Ann Rendahl, UTC.