
SENATE BILL 5555

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By Senators Warnick, Hatfield, and Honeyford

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Water & Rural Economic Development.

1 AN ACT Relating to irrigation district review and conditioning
2 authority; and amending RCW 58.17.310.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 58.17.310 and 2009 c 145 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Whenever a city, town, or county receives an application for
7 the approval of a plat of a subdivision; alteration of an existing
8 subdivision; the creation of a new parcel or parcels; or modification
9 of existing parcels for real property, that lies in whole or in part
10 in an irrigation district organized pursuant to chapter 87.03 RCW,
11 the responsible administrator shall give written notice of the
12 application, including a legal description of the short subdivision
13 and a location map, to the irrigation district. The irrigation
14 district shall, after receiving the notice, submit to the responsible
15 administrator who furnished the notice a statement with any
16 information or conditions for approval that the irrigation district
17 deems to be necessary regarding the proposed division's effect upon
18 the structural integrity, including lateral support, of the
19 irrigation district facilities, other risk exposures, and the safety
20 of the public and irrigation district.

1 (2) In addition to any other requirements imposed by the
2 provisions of this chapter, the legislative authority of any city,
3 town, or county shall not approve a short plat or final plat, as
4 defined in RCW 58.17.020, for any subdivision, short subdivision,
5 lot, tract, parcel, or site which lies in whole or in part in an
6 irrigation district organized pursuant to chapter 87.03 RCW unless
7 there has been provided an irrigation water right-of-way for each
8 parcel of land in such district. In addition, if the subdivision,
9 short subdivision, lot, tract, parcel, or site lies within land
10 within the district classified as irrigable, completed irrigation
11 water distribution facilities for such land may be required by the
12 irrigation district by resolution, bylaw, or rule of general
13 applicability as a condition for approval of the short plat or final
14 plat by the legislative authority of the city, town, or county.
15 Rights-of-way shall be evidenced by the respective plats submitted
16 for final approval to the appropriate legislative authority. In
17 addition, if the subdivision, short subdivision, lot, tract, parcel,
18 or site to be platted is wholly or partially within an irrigation
19 district of two hundred thousand acres or more and has been
20 previously platted by the United States bureau of reclamation as a
21 farm unit in the district, the legislative authority shall not
22 approve for such land a short plat or final plat as defined in RCW
23 58.17.020 without the approval of the irrigation district and the
24 administrator or manager of the project of the bureau of reclamation,
25 or its successor agency, within which that district lies. Compliance
26 with the requirements of this section together with all other
27 applicable provisions of this chapter shall be a prerequisite, within
28 the expressed purpose of this chapter, to any sale, lease, or
29 development of land in this state.

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