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**SENATE BILL 5621**

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**By** Senators Padden, Holy, and Schoesler

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1 AN ACT Relating to intergovernmental tax charges and conflict  
2 resolution regarding water and sewage facilities; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 36.94 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.94  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 County-owned sewage facilities and water facilities revenues must  
8 not be subject to any tax or excise imposed by any city or town. A  
9 city or town may charge counties to mitigate impacts directly  
10 attributable to the sewage facility and water facility if that city  
11 or town demonstrates that those charges are reasonably necessary to  
12 mitigate the impacts and the revenue generated from the charges is  
13 expended only to mitigate such impacts. If the city or town and the  
14 county cannot reach an agreement following a reasonable period of  
15 good faith negotiations, including mediation where appropriate, a  
16 board of arbitrators convened at the request of either party shall  
17 resolve the matter. The board of arbitrators must consist of a  
18 representative from the city or town involved, a representative of  
19 the county, and a third representative to be appointed by the other  
20 two representatives. If no agreement can be reached with regard to a  
21 third representative, a judge of the superior court of the county of

1 the jurisdiction owning the sewage and water facility shall appoint  
2 the third representative. The determination by the board of  
3 arbitrators of the sum to be paid by the county shall be binding on  
4 all parties. Each party shall pay the costs of its individual  
5 representative on the board of arbitrators and shall pay one-half of  
6 the cost of the third representative.

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