

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1074

As Passed Legislature

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:

Committee Activity:

Local Government: 1/18/11 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/7/11, 88-0.

Passed Senate: 4/7/11, 49-0.

Passed Legislature.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Deletes the requirement that a water-sewer district's appointee to a metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee must be a commissioner of the water-sewer district.

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; Fitzgibbon, 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

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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).

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) Most commissioners on water-sewer boards serve part-time and have other professional commitments. It would be a convenience to have a staff member serve on an advisory committee, as would usually be the case if this bill were to pass. Appointing a water-sewer district manager who understands the district's relationship to the advisory committee and the day-to-day operations of the district would be beneficial to the operation of the advisory committee overall.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Takko, prime sponsor; and Joe Daniels, Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.