

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2653

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**As Reported by House Committee On:**  
Environment

**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:** Representatives Hansen and Upthegrove; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Environment: 1/26/12, 1/27/12 [DP].

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Corrects statutory references pertaining to regulatory fees for wastewater companies.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 15 members: Representatives Upthegrove, Chair; Tharinger, Vice Chair; Short, Ranking Minority Member; Harris, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Fitzgibbon, Hansen, Jinkins, Morris, Nealey, Pearson, Pollet, Shea, Takko, Taylor and Wylie.

**Staff:** Kara Durbin (786-7133).

**Background:**

Certain wastewater companies may not provide sewerage services for compensation without first obtaining a certificate from the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC). Wastewater companies subject to the UTC jurisdiction are entities that own, or propose to

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develop and own, a sewerage system that is designed to either serve: (1) a peak flow of 27,000 to 100,000 gallons if treatment is by large on-site sewerage systems; or (2) to serve 100 or more customers. Excluded from the UTC's jurisdiction are publicly-owned wastewater systems and wastewater company service to customers outside of an urban growth area.

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**Summary of Bill:**

Statutory references are corrected to reference the provisions of the Public Utility Code that apply to regulatory fees for wastewater companies.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) This bill corrects an erroneous cross-reference in legislation enacted last year. This is not a fee bill. This will allow the regulatory fees to be assessed accurately.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Representative Hansen, prime sponsor; and Ann Rendahl, Utilities and Transportation Commission.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.