

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5708

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Government Operations, February 23, 1995

Title: An act relating to increasing to five years the time after a preliminary plat is approved before a final plat must be submitted for approval.

Brief Description: Increasing to five years the time after a preliminary plat is approved before a final plat must be submitted for approval.

Sponsors: Senators Heavey, McCaslin, Bauer, Haugen, Winsley, Palmer and Roach.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 2/21/95, 2/23/95 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Drew, Hale, Heavey, McCaslin and Winsley.

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Background: The process to review and approve a subdivision involves two steps. First a preliminary plat, or map, of the subdivision is approved including conditions that must be met before final approval. Then a final plat of the subdivision is approved if the applicant meets the conditions specified when the preliminary plat was approved.

Once a preliminary plat has been approved, the applicant has three years to meet the conditions or the preliminary plat approval lapses. However, the applicant may request a one year extension to the three years and the county, city, or town is required to grant the extension. Additionally, the county, city, or town may grant other extensions at its option.

Summary of Bill: After a preliminary plat is approved, the time within which the final plat must be approved is extended to five years. If the final plat is not approved within five years, the proposed subdivision lapses.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This just changes the law to match reality.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Bill Huyette, BIAW (pro); Jim Halstrom, Master Builders Assn., King and Snohomish Counties (pro); Robin Appleford, King County (pro).