

2 SSB 5079 - H COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Agriculture & Ecology

4

5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this act is to encourage
8 environmental permit program efficiency and pollution prevention
9 through increased private sector participation in the preparation of
10 wastewater discharge permits currently administered by the department
11 of ecology. The legislature recognizes that pollution prevention can
12 often be accomplished through cooperative partnerships between
13 government and industry and through voluntary changes in industrial
14 production methods. By using expertise available in the private
15 sector, the permit preparation option provided in this act is intended
16 to reduce the time required to issue wastewater discharge permits and
17 better protect the water quality of the state.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 90.48 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) Within fifteen days of receipt of an application for the
21 issuance of a new permit or modification of an existing permit under
22 RCW 90.48.160 or 90.48.260, the department shall determine whether it
23 is likely that the permit will be processed within one hundred eighty
24 days. If the department determines that a permit will not be processed
25 within one hundred eighty days, the applicant shall be notified. Upon
26 receipt of this notification, an applicant may choose to proceed with
27 the draft permit preparation option in subsection (2) of this section.

28 (2) Any person applying for the issuance of a new permit or
29 modification of an existing permit under RCW 90.48.160 or 90.48.260 may
30 submit an application with a draft permit and fact sheet if the
31 department cannot process the permit within the timeline provided in
32 subsection (1) of this section.

33 (3) The department shall approve or deny the permit proposal within
34 forty-five days of submission if no public hearing is required, or
35 within ninety days of submission if a public hearing is required. The

1 department or the applicant may negotiate a permit proposal if both
2 parties agree to a timeline. The department retains full authority
3 under this chapter to approve, modify, or disapprove any draft permit
4 or fact sheet submitted under this section.

5 (4) The department shall make available guidelines specifying the
6 elements of a complete draft permit and fact sheet."

7 Correct the title.

--- END ---