

1596-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Government Administration  
(originally sponsored by Representatives D. Schmidt, Dunshee,  
Gardner, L. Thomas and Dunn)

Brief Title: Concerning the transfer of solid waste regulatory  
authority back and forth between cities and the utilities and  
transportation commission.

**HB 1596-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/11/97)

Provides that, after the incorporation of any city or town,  
the utilities and transportation commission shall continue to  
regulate solid waste collection within the limits of the  
incorporated city or town until such time as the city or town  
notifies the commission, in writing, of its decision to contract  
for solid waste collection or provide solid waste collection itself  
pursuant to RCW 81.77.020.

Declares that, in the event the incorporating city or town at  
any time decides to contract for solid waste collection or decides  
to undertake solid waste collection itself, the holder of any such  
franchise or permit that is so canceled shall be forthwith granted  
by the incorporating city or town a franchise to continue such  
business within the incorporated territory for a term of not less  
than the remaining term of the original franchise or permit.

Provides that a city, town, or combined city-county may at any  
time reverse its decision to exercise its authority under RCW  
81.77.020.