

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5105

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Changing the definition of public water system.

Sponsors: Senators Eide, Morton, Jacobsen and Winsley; by request of Department of Health.

Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources

House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology

Background: In order to maintain the state's authority to regulate water supplies to protect public health, state laws must conform with the provisions of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The current definition of a public water system in state law does not conform to recent amendments to the act.

Summary: The definition of a public water system is changed to say that water can be provided through both pipes and other constructed conveyances.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 48 0

House 93 0

Effective: July 25, 1999