

5810-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, T. Sheldon and Swecker)

Brief Title: Allowing for public access to an artesian well in specified cities.

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Declares that any well completed into a confined aquifer shall be allowed to flow freely for public uses if: (1) The well is constructed according to state law and agency rules pertaining to well construction;

(2) the well has a discharge rate not to exceed twelve gallons per minute;

(3) the well is within the limits of a city operating under the optional municipal code with a population of thirty-six thousand or more and located within a county with a population of less than four hundred thousand that is west of the crest of the Cascade mountains;

(4) the well is owned, operated, and maintained by a recognized public body;

(5) the operator of the well ensures the unused portion of the flow is piped from the well head and discharged directly into a surface water body within the limits of the city; and

(6) the discharge does not allow for any degradation of water quality.