

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2446

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Setting time limits for review of water and sewer general comprehensive plans.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Local Government & Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Mulliken, DeBolt and Dunshee).

House Committee on Local Government & Housing
Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Water

Background:

Districts providing water-sewer service must adopt a plan for the type of facilities the district proposes to provide and may either combine all services into a single general plan or prepare a separate general plan for each of these services.

Prior to the plan becoming effective, the general plan must be approved by any state agency whose approval may be required by applicable law. Also, amendments to, alterations of, or additions to the general plan requires the same approval process. This approval process applies to a city or town legislative authority only when an amendment, alteration, or addition to the general plan affects the particular city or town.

Summary:

A water or sewer plan submitted- for review by a state agency must either be approved, conditionally approved, rejected, or have amendments requested within 90 days after submission. This time line may be extended another 90 days if insufficient time exists to adequately review the plan.

For rejections or extensions of the plan, the agency must give a reason in writing.

The governing body of any district submitting a plan may mutually agree with the agency reviewing the plan for an extension of the deadline.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 98 0
Senate 49 0 (Senate amended)
House 94 0 (House concurred)

Effective: June 13, 2002