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**Housing Committee**

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**HB 2717**

**Brief Description:** Restricting mobile home park sewer-related charges.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Schindler, O'Brien, Dunn, McCune, Miloscia and Holmquist.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Prohibits local jurisdictions from imposing any sewer-related charges on mobile home parks, until the park connects to the sewer service.

**Hearing Date:** 1/26/06

**Staff:** Robyn Dupuis (786-7166).

**Background:**

In 1998, a law was enacted which prohibited local governments from requiring manufactured housing communities with functioning septic systems to hook up to local sewer systems. In 2003, another law was enacted to add that a jurisdiction may not charge mobile home parks, which are not connected to a sewer service for the following:

- sewer service availability charges;
- standby charges;
- consumption charges; and
- any other similar type of charge associated with available but unused sewer service.

RCW Reference: 35.67.370

In at least one instance, a mobile home park in Washington not connected to the local sewer service has been charged with what the park believes to be sewer-related charges.

**Summary of Bill:**

Mobile home parks may not be charged for any charges related to sewers.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.