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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1503

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State of Washington

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By House Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Short, Taylor, Van Werven, Buys, Haler, Kraft, and Hargrove)

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/17.

1 AN ACT Relating to preventing unfunded mandates involving on-site  
2 sewage systems from affecting local governments and property owners;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW; adding a new section to  
4 chapter 70.118A RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 70.05 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 This chapter does not preclude counties from authorizing  
9 inspections of on-site sewage systems to be conducted by a homeowner,  
10 a homeowner's family member, or a homeowner's tenant that has  
11 completed certification requirements specified by the county. Nothing  
12 in this section eliminates the requirement that counties protect  
13 water quality consistent with RCW 36.70A.070 (1) and (5).

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.118A  
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 Nothing in this chapter prohibits a county from relying on self-  
17 inspection of on-site sewage systems consistent with section 1 of  
18 this act or eliminates the requirement that counties protect water  
19 quality consistent with RCW 36.70A.070 (1) and (5).

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 70.05  
2    RCW to read as follows:  
3        Nothing in this chapter prohibits a county from relying on self-  
4    inspection of on-site sewage systems consistent with section 1 of  
5    this act or eliminates the requirement that counties protect water  
6    quality consistent with RCW 36.70A.070 (1) and (5).

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