
HOUSE BILL 1503

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By Representatives Short, Taylor, Van Werven, Buys, Haler, Kraft, and Hargrove

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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, including but not limited to RCW 36.70A.070 (1) and
9 (5), and any interpretation of this chapter does not apply to or
10 govern the operation, permitting, maintenance, and inspection of on-
11 site septic systems. For the purposes of this chapter, protecting the
12 quality or quantity of surface or groundwater resources does not
13 require any county or city to impose obligations on property owners
14 that are not required or authorized specifically under chapter 70.05
15 or 70.118A RCW.

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

18 This chapter does not require a local health jurisdiction to
19 require that periodic inspections of an on-site sewage system in
20 operation be conducted by a professional inspector. Nothing in this

1 chapter prohibits a county from relying on self-inspection of on-site
2 sewage systems for the purposes of protecting the quality or quantity
3 of surface or groundwater resources under chapter 36.70A RCW.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.05
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 This chapter does not require a local board of health to require
7 that periodic inspections of an on-site sewage system in operation be
8 conducted by a professional inspector. Nothing in this chapter
9 prohibits a county from relying on self-inspection of on-site sewage
10 systems for the purposes of protecting the quality or quantity of
11 surface or groundwater resources under chapter 36.70A RCW.

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