
HOUSE BILL 1737

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By Representatives Kraft, Pollet, Walsh, Peterson, Vick, and Eslick

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1 AN ACT Relating to utility service annexation covenants; adding a
2 new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
3 35A.21 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) A city may not require the owner of a property located
8 outside its corporate limits to enter into a utility service
9 annexation covenant as a condition of extending utilities to such
10 property.

11 (2) Nothing in this section should be interpreted as requiring a
12 city to extend utilities to property outside its corporate limits.

13 (3) Nothing in RCW 35.84.010, 35.91.020, 35.21.210, 35.67.310, or
14 other applicable laws granting contracting authority to a city allows
15 a city to require the owner of a property located outside its
16 corporate limits to enter into a utility service annexation covenant
17 as a condition of extending utilities to such property.

18 (4) For purposes of this section, a "utility service annexation
19 covenant" means a contract between a city and a property owner
20 located in another city, town, or unincorporated area wherein the
21 city agrees to provide utility service or services to the property in

1 exchange for a promise that the property owner or owners, whenever
2 requested, sign any letter, notice, petition, or other instrument
3 under applicable laws of the state of Washington initiating,
4 furthering, or accomplishing annexation of the property into the
5 city.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) A city may not require the owner of a property located
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