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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5998

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By Senators Sheldon, Owen, Oke, Fraser, Hochstatter and Palmer

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1            AN ACT Relating to local government waivers from specific  
2 requirements of on-site sewage system rules adopted by the board of  
3 health; and adding a new section to chapter 70.05 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 70.05 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            The local health officer may grant a waiver from specific  
8 requirements adopted by the state board of health for on-site sewage  
9 systems if:

10           (1) The on-site sewage system for which a waiver is requested is  
11 for sewage flows under three thousand five hundred gallons per day;

12           (2) The waiver request is evaluated by the local health officer on  
13 an individual, site-by-site basis;

14           (3) The local health officer determines that the waiver is  
15 consistent with the standards in, and the intent of, the state board of  
16 health rules; and

17           (4) The local health officer submits quarterly reports to the  
18 department regarding any waivers approved or denied.

1       Based on review of the quarterly reports, if the department finds  
2 that the waivers previously granted have not been consistent with the  
3 standards in, and intent of, the state board of health rules, the  
4 department shall provide technical assistance to the local health  
5 officer to correct the inconsistency, and may notify the local and  
6 state boards of health of the department's concerns.

7       If upon further review of the quarterly reports, the department  
8 finds that the inconsistency between the waivers granted and the state  
9 board of health standards has not been corrected, the department may  
10 suspend the authority of the local health officer to grant waivers  
11 under this section.

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