

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6248

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring the department of transportation to reimburse drainage and diking districts for maintenance and repairs to drainage facilities if the department does not respond to written notice by the districts.

Sponsors: Senators Haugen, Benson, Shin and Sheldon.

Senate Committee on Transportation
House Committee on Transportation

Background: Drainage and diking districts exist around the state as taxing districts and oversight bodies which create, maintain, and manage specific areas that include significant drainage or dike infrastructures. Drainage facilities include dikes, dams, ditches, drains, and outlets. Individual drainage facilities need to be maintained to help ensure viability of the entire drainage system, and those adjacent to roads help protect roads from flooding and other damage.

Under current law, any drainage facilities that are located on land under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation (DOT) are required to be maintained by DOT.

Summary: If the commissioners of any drainage or diking district determine that repair or maintenance is required on a drainage facility under the jurisdiction of the DOT, they may send a written notice to DOT requesting that the repair or maintenance be completed. If the specified repair or maintenance is not conducted within fourteen days of DOT receiving the notice, the district commissioners may independently make the repair or complete the maintenance.

The DOT must reimburse the district for all reasonable costs incurred by the district associated with the repair or maintenance.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	44	0	
House	97	0	(House amended)
Senate	46	0	(Senate concurred)

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