

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESHB 2842

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS,
FEBRUARY 26, 1992

Brief Description: Requiring consideration of previously imposed impact fees during environmental review.

SPONSORS: House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Haugen, Ferguson, Cantwell, Wilson, Morris, Forner, R. Meyers, Wood, Peery, Paris, Miller, Carlson, Wynne, Mitchell and Hochstatter)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McCaslin, Chairman; Madsen, Matson, and Sutherland.

Staff: Rod McAulay (786-7754)

Hearing Dates: February 26, 1992

BACKGROUND:

Counties and cities that are required or choose to plan under the Growth Management Act are permitted to impose impact fees on development activity to finance infrastructure needs resulting from the development.

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires every governmental agency to review its proposed actions to determine if they might result in an adverse environmental impact. When authorizing private development activity, the permitting governmental agency may, as a result of a SEPA review, condition the granting of a permit upon mitigating actions, including payment of fees.

SUMMARY:

A person who is required to pay an impact fee for system improvements under the Growth Management Act shall not be required to pay a fee under SEPA for the same system improvements.

A person who is required to pay a fee under SEPA for system improvements shall not be required to pay an impact fee for the same system improvements under the Growth Management Act.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

This bill prevents double tax on developers. Avoids reopening assessment issue and resulting confusion.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Jim Halstrom, Builders