
HOUSE BILL 1759

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By Representatives Van Luven, Zellinsky, Nealey, Nelson, Vance, Franklin, Ferguson and Rasmussen.

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1 AN ACT Relating to tort liability for systems of sewerage; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 4.96 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.96 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 A political subdivision, municipal corporation, or quasi-municipal
7 corporation which collects fees from individual residences for a system
8 of sewerage, as defined in RCW 36.94.010, shall be strictly liable for
9 any damage caused to an individual residence by the failure of the
10 system of sewerage, other than for damage arising from a failure of the
11 system of sewerage as a result of an act of God or a nonnegligent act
12 of public employees responding to an emergency situation.