

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5085

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As of January 27, 2003

**Title:** An act relating to repealing regulation of water recreation facilities.

**Brief Description:** Repealing regulation of water recreation facilities.

**Sponsors:** Senators Honeyford, Deccio and Mulliken.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Health & Long-Term Care: 1/28/03.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

**Staff:** Jonathan Seib (786-7427)

**Background:** RCW Chapter 70.90 regulates the construction and operation of water recreation facilities, including swimming pools, spa pools, and areas in natural waters designated for swimming. Among other things, it directs the Department of Health to adopt rules governing design and operation; injury and illness reporting; biological and chemical contamination standards; water quality monitoring and inspection; permit application and issuance; and enforcement procedures. The department, in conjunction with local health officers, is authorized to administer the chapter, although in recent years the responsibility has fallen primarily to local government. Both the department and local health officers are authorized to collect fees to cover implementation costs.

**Summary of Bill:** RCW Chapter 70.90 is repealed.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 26, 2003..

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.