

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1326

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MUNICIPAL UTILITIES—CONNECTION CHARGE WAIVERS

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LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

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Yeas 45 Nays 1

DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

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JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1326** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

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May 4, 2023

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

1 (a) The waiver of connection charges required under subsection
2 (1) of this section is no longer required; and

3 (b) Any connection charges waived under subsection (1) of this
4 section are immediately due and payable to the utility as a condition
5 of continued service.

6 (4) For the purposes of this section:

7 (a) "Affordable housing" has the same meaning as in RCW
8 36.70A.030.

9 (b) "Connection charges" means the one-time capital and
10 administrative charges, as authorized in RCW 35.92.025, that are
11 imposed by a utility on a building or facility owner for a new
12 utility service and costs borne or assessed by a utility for the
13 labor, materials, and services necessary to physically connect a
14 designated facility to the respective utility service.

15 (c) "Emergency shelter" means any facility that has, as its sole
16 purpose, the provision of a temporary shelter for the homeless and
17 that does not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy
18 agreement.

19 (d) "Permanent supportive housing" has the same meaning as in RCW
20 36.70A.030.

21 (e) "Transitional housing" has the same meaning as in RCW
22 84.36.043.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.92.380 and 1980 c 150 s 1 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Whenever a city or town waives or delays collection of tap-in
26 charges, connection fees, or hookup fees for ((~~low-income~~)) low-
27 income persons, ((~~or~~)) a class of ((~~low-income~~)) low-income persons,
28 or a nonprofit organization, public development authority, housing
29 authority, or local agency that provides emergency shelter,
30 transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, or affordable
31 housing as defined in section 1 of this act to connect to lines or
32 pipes used by the city or town to provide utility service, the waiver
33 or delay shall be pursuant to a program established by ordinance. As
34 used in this section, the provision of "utility service" includes,
35 but is not limited to, water, sanitary or storm sewer service,
36 electricity, gas, other means of power, and heat.

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