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**SENATE BILL 6234**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Lias and Salomon

1 AN ACT Relating to regulating sewage grinder pumps for new  
2 residential buildings; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; adding a new section to  
4 chapter 36.01 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 57.02 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) No city or town may prohibit the installation of sewage  
9 grinder pumps for new residential buildings that:

10 (a) Are located below grade of a public sewer line;

11 (b) Are connected to a low-pressure sewer system;

12 (c) Are located at a distance from a public sewer line that  
13 gravity alone cannot effectively move wastewater to the public sewer  
14 system;

15 (d) Must move wastewater vertically;

16 (e) Are located in a new residential community where geologic  
17 site conditions or excessive topography cannot support the expense of  
18 a gravity sewer system.

19 (2) For purposes of this section:

1 (a) "Sewage grinder pump" means a system connected to a  
2 residential building's wastewater system that collects, grinds, and  
3 pumps residential sewage into the public sewer system.

4 (b) "Low-pressure sewer system" means a wastewater system that  
5 requires pressure from sewage grinder pumps to transport wastewater.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) No code city may prohibit the installation of sewage grinder  
9 pumps for new residential buildings that:

10 (a) Are located below grade of a public sewer line;

11 (b) Are connected to a low-pressure sewer system;

12 (c) Are located at a distance from a public sewer line that  
13 gravity alone cannot effectively move wastewater to the public sewer  
14 system;

15 (d) Must move wastewater vertically;

16 (e) Are located in a new residential community where geologic  
17 site conditions or excessive topography cannot support the expense of  
18 a gravity sewer system.

19 (2) For purposes of this section:

20 (a) "Sewage grinder pump" means a system connected to a  
21 residential building's wastewater system that collects, grinds, and  
22 pumps residential sewage into the public sewer system.

23 (b) "Low-pressure sewer system" means a wastewater system that  
24 requires pressure from sewage grinder pumps to transport wastewater.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01  
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 (1) No county may prohibit the installation of sewage grinder  
28 pumps for new residential buildings that:

29 (a) Are located below grade of a public sewer line;

30 (b) Are connected to a low-pressure sewer system;

31 (c) Are located at a distance from a public sewer line that  
32 gravity alone cannot effectively move wastewater to the public sewer  
33 system;

34 (d) Must move wastewater vertically;

35 (e) Are located in a new residential community where geologic  
36 site conditions or excessive topography cannot support the expense of  
37 a gravity sewer system.

38 (2) For purposes of this section:

1 (a) "Sewage grinder pump" means a system connected to a  
2 residential building's wastewater system that collects, grinds, and  
3 pumps residential sewage into the public sewer system.

4 (b) "Low-pressure sewer system" means a wastewater system that  
5 requires pressure from sewage grinder pumps to transport wastewater.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 57.02  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) No water-sewer district may prohibit the installation of  
9 sewage grinder pumps for new residential buildings that:

10 (a) Are located below grade of a public sewer line;

11 (b) Are connected to a low-pressure sewer system;

12 (c) Are located at a distance from a public sewer line that  
13 gravity alone cannot effectively move wastewater to the public sewer  
14 system;

15 (d) Must move wastewater vertically;

16 (e) Are located in a new residential community where geologic  
17 site conditions or excessive topography cannot support the expense of  
18 a gravity sewer system.

19 (2) For purposes of this section:

20 (a) "Sewage grinder pump" means a system connected to a  
21 residential building's wastewater system that collects, grinds, and  
22 pumps residential sewage into the public sewer system.

23 (b) "Low-pressure sewer system" means a wastewater system that  
24 requires pressure from sewage grinder pumps to transport wastewater.

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