

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5662**

69th Legislature  
2025 Regular Session

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Yeas 39 Nays 9

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**President of the Senate**

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Yeas 64 Nays 33

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5662** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senators Riccelli, Nobles, and Slatter

Read first time 02/05/25. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

1            AN ACT Relating to the waiver of municipal utility connection  
2 charges for certain properties; and amending RCW 35.92.385.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.92.385 and 2023 c 249 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) Municipal utilities formed under this chapter may waive  
7 connection charges for properties owned or developed by, or on the  
8 behalf of, a nonprofit organization, public development authority,  
9 housing authority, or local agency that provides emergency shelter,  
10 transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, or affordable  
11 housing, including a limited partnership as described in RCW  
12 84.36.560(7)(f)(ii) and a limited liability company as described in  
13 RCW 84.36.560(7)(f)(iii).

14            (2) ~~((Connection))~~ (a) Except as provided in (b) of this  
15 subsection, connection charges waived under this chapter shall be  
16 funded using general funds, grant dollars, or other identified  
17 revenue stream.

18            (b) In a county east of the crest of the Cascade mountains with a  
19 population of greater than 500,000, a waiver of connection charges  
20 may be allowed under this chapter without an explicit requirement to  
21 pay the exempted connection charges from the funds described in (a)

1 of this subsection if the waiver is conditioned upon requiring the  
2 developer to record a covenant that prohibits using the property for  
3 any purpose other than provided under this chapter. At a minimum, the  
4 covenant must address price restrictions and household income limits  
5 and that if the property is converted to a use other than described  
6 in subsection (1) of this section, the property owner must pay the  
7 applicable connection charges in effect at the time of conversion.  
8 Covenants required by this subsection must be recorded with the  
9 applicable county auditor or recording officer.

10 (3) At such time as a property receiving a waiver under  
11 subsection (1) of this section is no longer operating under the  
12 eligibility requirements under subsection (1) of this section:

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

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

18 (4) For the purposes of this section:

19 (a) "Affordable housing" has the same meaning as in RCW  
20 36.70A.030.

21 (b) "Connection charges" means the one-time capital and  
22 administrative charges, as authorized in RCW 35.92.025, that are  
23 imposed by a utility on a building or facility owner for a new  
24 utility service and costs borne or assessed by a utility for the  
25 labor, materials, and services necessary to physically connect a  
26 designated facility to the respective utility service.

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

31 (d) "Permanent supportive housing" has the same meaning as in RCW  
32 36.70A.030.

33 (e) "Transitional housing" has the same meaning as in RCW  
34 84.36.043.

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