



Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee

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House of Representatives
Washington State Legislature
PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

Dear Representative:

We are writing to offer our unanimous support of an amendment to RCW 35.58.210 to allow designated representatives of water-sewer district commissions to be seated as voting members of the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWWPAAC).

As you may know, the MWWPAAC, composed of cities, counties, and water-sewer districts, advises the metropolitan council in matters relating to the performance of the water pollution abatement functions as it affects the constituent sewer service providers within the boundaries of the metropolitan council.

Current law provides that the elected leadership of cities and counties may delegate representation on the committee, while water-sewer districts must be represented by elected commissioners. That construct is awkward, limits the ability of water-sewer districts to be ably and consistently represented, and may deny the committee a great deal of useful expertise and perspective in regard to technical, environmental, and governance matters.

The opportunity presents itself to remedy the current imbalance in representation via a simple amendment to RCW 35.58.210. By striking in the first sentence the phrase "who shall be a commissioner of such a water-sewer district," the situation described herein can be easily improved.

At the September 22, 2010 meeting of the MWWPAAC, the committee voted unanimously to support the change in law and, further, directed the Chair to notify the Governor's office and the Legislature of its support of the proposed change.

We stand ready to provide additional information or support should it be useful or necessary. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Scott Thomasson
Chair