

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB307

Chairperson: Senator Dan Hughes

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2019

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 307 updates state revolving fund statutes to be consistent with federal laws that allow states additional flexibility to administer the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Loan Fund and the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund.

LB 307 would:

- (1) update the effective date of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act referenced in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act,
- (2) strike an obsolete sunset date to reinstate the director of the Department of Environmental Quality's authority to reserve up to thirty-three percent of the federal capitalization grants received for use in the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Loan Fund Programs, and
- (3) authorize transfers of the reserved amount between the Drinking Water Facilities and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction loan cash funds to provide the state with flexibility to apportion the funds where the demand for community infrastructure needs is greatest. The director must identify such fund transfers in the Intended Use Plan, a document reviewed annually and approved by the Environmental Quality Council pursuant to current statutory requirements.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Joni Albrecht