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House Bill 689 (Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Design and Construction of Facilities
- Projects
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This bill removes an administrative step from the approval process for certain development projects. Developers will be able to gain approval from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) and begin construction on these projects without waiting for the projects to become part of the Capital Improvements Program. Projects falling under the provisions of the bill must provide only local service, measure 2,000 feet or less in length, have a diameter of at least 15 inches for sewer mains or at least 16 inches for water mains, and be built for the purpose of avoiding unnecessary or uneconomical duplication. All projects must still be designed, constructed, and inspected in accordance with standards set by the WSSC and by law. Following inspection, the facilities become part of the WSSC system, and the cost of constructing the facilities is credited to the developer.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: This bill has no effect on Montgomery County and Prince George's County revenues or expenditures. The bill would not require WSSC to provide additional credits to developers, but it might force them to provide the credits more quickly.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: Before they can begin construction on water and sewer facilities, developers must wait for the projects to come under the WSSC Capital Improvements Program. All water and sewer projects must be designed, constructed, and inspected in accordance with standards set by the WSSC and by law. Following inspection, the facilities become part of the WSSC system, and the cost of constructing the facilities is credited to the developer.

Small Business Effect: The bill would effectively expedite the facility construction process, thereby helping developers to maintain their construction timetable. As a result, small developers and builders may profit from the bill.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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