

Senate Finance Committee
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Senate Bill 628 – Utilities – Surviving Spouse of Account Holder – Protections

POSITION: SUPPORT

Thank you, Chairwoman Kelley and members of the Senate Finance Committee, for the opportunity to comment on SB628.

The bill would not alter internal policies so we are supportive of codifying the language. Generally, a death certificate is what is used to maintain gas service and for transferring the primary account name to the surviving spouse's name.

To avoid confusion in past situations, Washington Gas has been able to post two names on the master record.

The customer can also contact Washington Gas and we routinely accommodate the request—similar to the process for a name change due to marriage—neither of which require a new account with deposits.

For these reasons, we support SB 628 and request a favorable report.

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