

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SSB 5207

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As Passed Senate, March 10, 1995

**Title:** An act relating to annexation of unincorporated territory by municipal corporations providing sewer or water service.

**Brief Description:** Clarifying annexation authority by municipal corporations providing sewer or water service of unincorporated territory.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Winsley, Haugen and Rasmussen).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations: 2/9/95, 2/21/95 [DPS].  
Passed Senate, 3/10/95, 45-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5207 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Drew, Hale, Heavey, McCaslin and Winsley.

**Staff:** Rod McAulay (786-7754)

**Background:** Unincorporated territory of less than 100 acres with at least 80 percent of its boundaries contiguous with two sewer or water districts may be annexed into one of the districts with the consent of the other district following notice and a public hearing. The annexation is subject to referendum election in the area annexed. This annexation authority does not exist for municipal corporations, other than sewer and water districts that provide sewer or water services.

**Summary of Bill:** Unincorporated territory of less than 100 acres, with at least 80 percent of its boundaries contiguous with two municipal corporations providing sewer or water service, may be annexed into one of the municipal corporations if a majority of the legislative authority of the other contiguous municipal corporation concurs. The annexation is subject to referendum election in the area annexed.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** It will allow cities and towns which provide water or sewer service to exercise the same annexation powers as water and sewer districts.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Tim Schellberg, WA State Sewer & Water Assn.