

House Study Bill 636 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BILL BY CHAIRPERSON FISHER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the review and permitting of sewer
2 extensions and water supply distribution system extensions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 455B.183, subsection 2, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:
3 Upon adoption of standards by the commission pursuant
4 to [section 455B.173, subsections 5 through 8](#), plans and
5 specifications for sewer extensions and water supply
6 distribution system extensions covered by [this section](#) shall
7 be submitted to the city or county public works department
8 for approval if the local public works department employs or
9 retains a qualified, licensed engineer who reviews the plans
10 and specifications using the specific state standards known as
11 the Iowa standards for sewer systems and the Iowa standards for
12 water supply distribution systems that have been formulated
13 and adopted by the ~~department~~ commission pursuant to section
14 455B.173, subsections 5 through 8. The local agency shall
15 issue a written permit to construct if all of the following
16 apply:

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill relates to the review and permitting of sewer
21 extensions and water supply distribution system extensions.

22 Under current law, plans and specifications for sewer
23 extensions and water supply distribution system extensions
24 are subject to approval and permitting by a city or county
25 public works department if the local public works department
26 employs a qualified, licensed engineer who reviews the plans
27 and specifications using specified standards adopted by the
28 environmental protection commission. Plans and specifications
29 that are not subject to approval and permitting by a local
30 public works department are subject to permitting by the
31 director of the department of natural resources.

32 Under the bill, plans and specifications for sewer
33 extensions and water supply distribution system extensions are
34 subject to approval and permitting by a local public works
35 department if the local public works department employs or

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1 retains a qualified, licensed engineer.