



HB24-1062

SHORT TITLE: Warrants for Metro Sewage Disposal Districts

LONG TITLE: Concerning administrative inspection warrants for a metropolitan sewage disposal district.

SPONSORS: Representatives Evans and Titone/Sen. Priola

COMMITTEES: House Energy & Environment Committee

PURPOSE OF THE BILL: To provide Metropolitan Sewage Disposal Districts (Metro) with independent inspection administrative warrant authority allow Metro (as part of its pretreatment program) to quickly and directly seek an administrative inspection warrant to enter and inspect a business that may pose a danger to public health and/or the environment.

PROPOSERS OF THE BILL: Metropolitan Water Recovery

POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS: Cities, business organizations, county governments

BACKGROUND: As explained by the proponent, "As part of Metro's obligations under the Federal Clean Water Act, Metro implements a federally approved pretreatment program which is intended to protect collection system workers, wastewater treatment plant processes and water quality. Some discharges from businesses can create hazardous conditions for people who are working in these areas as well as harm sewer piping and lift stations causing unnecessary expense for the public.

Metro's current legal authority to implement its pretreatment program throughout its 805 square mile service area, which is comprised of 61 local municipalities and special districts, is set forth with a combination of legal agreements and associated city codes. The current piecemeal approach does not afford Coloradans in Metro's service area the most effective and timely means of ensuring federal pretreatment Clean Water Act requirements are being met."

Is this bill necessary this year? There is no deadline.

How does the bill change current law? It extends regulatory authority to the designated agents of a special district by placing in statute authorities currently embodied in legal agreements and city codes.

Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system? No

How is the bill implemented? It appears to be self-executing.

Practical considerations: Is advance notice required and upon what grounds must entry be allowed? What constitutes a reasonable time and manner? Should results of sampling be required to be provided to the owner/operator of the property (the bill is permissive)?

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal note.

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