
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5503

AN ACT REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES TO REPORT EXCESS WASTEWATER CAPACITY.

SUMMARY

This bill requires each municipality's water pollution control authority (WPCA) or, if it does not have one, its board of selectmen to annually report to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) on: (1) the municipality's current, at the time of the report, wastewater capacity and (2) any excess capacity it expects to have the following year. The first report is due by January 1, 2027, and reports must be submitted in a way OPM sets.

Under the bill, if a WPCA or municipality does not report this information, OPM may withhold any state funding for wastewater infrastructure that was allocated to it until it complies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 7 (03/13/2026)