

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 3049
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Impact: Please see previous summary of this measure	

Research Analysis

HB 3049, as introduced, exempts municipalities who are following OWRB grant qualification guidelines from personal injury damage claims of annoyance and inconvenience in relation to sanitary sewer overflow incidents. Also, the measure suspends nuisance-based tort claims relating to municipal sanitary sewer systems for five years beginning November 1, 2024 in municipalities that are implementing OWRB grant qualification guidelines. As outlined in the measure, OWRB grant qualification guidelines for municipalities include having:

- A map of their sanitary sewer system and a policy for keeping maintenance and operation records;
- A policy for the inspection, cleaning, and root control of certain lines;
- A policy for responding to calls for sanitary sewer overflows;
- A policy for advising private property owners to install a backflow prevention device;
- An ordinance that requires new construction or renovations to include a backflow prevention device connected to the sanitary sewer main line;
- An ordinance that restricts nonresidential entities from disposing fats, oils, and grease into the sanitary sewer system; and
- Adopting a funding availability model and a five-year capital improvement plan.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.