

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6337

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Government Operations & Elections, January 23, 2006

**Title:** An act relating to compensation for members of the governing body of diking and drainage districts.

**Brief Description:** Changing compensation requirements for members of the governing body of diking and drainage districts.

**Sponsors:** Senators Haugen and Mulliken.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations & Elections: 1/17/06; 1/23/06 [DP, DNP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Berkey, Vice Chair; Fairley, Haugen, McCaslin and Pridemore.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Roach, Ranking Minority Member and Benton.

**Staff:** Cindy Fazio (786-7405)

**Background:** Diking and drainage districts are special districts created to provide diking, drainage, and flood control in a defined area. Some of the many allowed activities are flood control, drainage control, protecting life and property from flood water, acquiring, purchasing, or leasing property, restoring lake or river environments, controlling aquatic plants, and enhancing water quality.

The district is governed by three members who serve staggered six year terms. The governing members are elected at general elections. The members of the governing body may receive compensation for attending meetings and for time spent in performance of their duties, or they may waive compensation. The members' actual expenses and mileage incurred in the performance of their duties are also reimbursable.

**Summary of Bill:** If a member elects to receive compensation, the member's land must be free of any liens against it for delinquent or special assessments held by the special district.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Who Testified:** No one.