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Senate Bill 246 Version A Changes from Senate Bill 54 (vetoed, 2025) to Senate Bill 246

The Governor vetoed Senate Bill 54 in 2025. This document describes how Senate Bill 246 addresses each point made in the veto message.

Certified Wastewater Installation Exemption (AS 08.48.331)

Veto message: SB 54 Exemption 15 regarding certified wastewater installers will halt residential wastewater installations and restrict them to only very small commercial systems.

Changes made: New Exemption 15 removes the word “commercial” and updates the number of gallons allowed from 500 to 1500 to align with DEC statutes (AS 46.03.100) and regulations.

Location: Senate Bill 246, Sec. 28, pages 14-15

Design-Build Procurements

Veto message: The repeal of AS 36.30.270(e) regarding design-build procurements would mandate a qualifications-based selection and eliminate price as a consideration.

Changes made: Senate Bill 246 does not repeal AS 36.30.270(e).

Registered Interior Design, Designers, and Board makeup

Veto message: SB 54 expanded the AELS Board to 13 members, increasing costs with no public-safety rationale or demonstrated benefit.

Changes made: Senate Bill 246 modifies the Board makeup, but the AELS Board will remain at 11 members. This bill replaces a Professional Civil Engineer seat (of which there are currently two) with a Registered Interior Designer.

Location: Senate Bill 246, Sec. 3-5, pages 2-3

Senate Bill 246 makes no changes to the sections of the bill regarding a Title Act with Permitting Privileges for Registered Interior Designers and its conforming changes throughout.

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