

Permit Processing and Timeline changes

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Key Changes from SSB 5290

- ❑ Clarify determination of completeness requirements
- ❑ New permit process timelines
- ❑ Refund up to 20% of application review fees if timelines are not met
- ❑ New annual reporting requirements

Determination of Completeness

- ❑ Clarify the determination of completeness requirements for all permits.
- ❑ The determination must be based on the procedural requirements as outlined on the project permit application.

New Permit Processing Timeframes

- ❑ Apply new default timelines for processing permits, effective January 1, 2025
 - ❑ 65 days if no public notice is required for the permit type
 - ❑ 100 days if public notice is required for the permit type
 - ❑ 170 days if public notice and hearings are required for the permit types

Refund of Permitting Review Fees

- Refund application review fees up to 20% if new timelines are not met, unless additional measures have been adopted
- Three of ten optional measures must be adopted
 - Revenue neutral contingent FTE
 - On call consultant
 - Reasonable fees
 - No more than three requests for information for permit review

Annual Reporting

- ❑ Report annual permit review data, including data on compliance with the new permit timelines
 - ❑ Number of complete applications received during the year
 - ❑ Number of permits issued that met the timelines and do not meet timelines
 - ❑ Number of permits for which an extension of time was mutually agreed upon by the applicant and the county
 - ❑ Report must be sent to Washington State Department of Commerce and posted on our website

PDS Work Plan

- Code amendments (this fall)
- Permit process improvements
- EnerGov reporting
- Ongoing and continuing efficiency improvements