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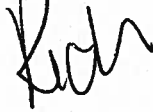
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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Richard Alloway II 

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship Memo – Wastewater Processing Cooperative Planning

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In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that will amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, reenacted and amended December 21, 1988 (P.L 1329, No. 170) to address a concern brought to my attention by local water and sewer authorities ("waste water systems"). Because current law is unclear as to who has the responsibility for notification of local waste water system when new construction or development is approved, it is impossible for these systems to adequately plan for increased flow to their treatment plants to avoid overflow situations.

My legislation will amend the Municipalities Planning Code to add a new Article XI-A (wastewater processing cooperative planning). Under this new Article, applicants for approval of a development or planned residential development or for a waiver of land development under the Municipalities Planning Code and applicants for construction permits under the Construction Code Act will be required to notify the local waste water system of their application. The wastewater system will then be given 30 days within to review the application and to notify both the applicant and the municipality about the expected impact of the application on the current wastewater system. The notification must include an indication of whether the application is in compliance with the requirements of the wastewater system and, if it is not in compliance the municipality may not approve the application until the wastewater system indicates the application is complete. Specific criteria for completion of the review by the wastewater system are included in the bill.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Melissa Knepper at [mknepper@pasen.gov](mailto:mknepper@pasen.gov) or by phone at 772-2929.