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To: Chair Fahey, Vice Chair Kropf, Vice Chair Helfrich, and Members of the House Committee on Rules From: South Suburban Sanitary District

Subject: Opposition to Senate Bill 1575 A

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the South Suburban Sanitary District, I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to SB 1575 A because it "unfairly burdens taxpayers with the risk associated with professional design work that the taxpayers do not control", as offered in written testimony by others.

Shifting burdens and obligations to government entities that rightfully should remain with the professional entities hired through proper contracting processes is tantamount to making customers foot the bill when the vendor experts, licensed, certified, and bonded professionals they hire have complaints filed against them. In this case, the customers are ratepayers and taxpayers that should be protected.

For these and other reasons stated among the testimony submitted by others, the South Suburban Sanitary District, and the citizens we represent, respectfully request you to oppose SB 1575 A.

Respectfully,

Joe Spendolini Chair, South Suburban Sanitary District Board of Directors