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Water Improvement Comm.

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Survey of Sewage works - Greater Portland Regional Planning Commission

We have your request dated July 13, 1961, for an opinion as to whether or not interdepartmental transfers of funds can be made.

It is not legal for one department to transfer funds to another department. We would suggest, however, that there would be no objection raised if the Department of Economic Development were to proceed with this job and bill Water Improvement Commission for its share of the cost once the job is completed. Furthermore, there would be no objection to Water Improvement Commission paying a portion of the cost of this project directly to the engineering company so long as that portion did not exceed the legal limit of \$2,500.

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