

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 7 - 1 - 2
Yeas: Cowan, Krieger, Matthews, Riley, Tomei, Weidner, Holvey
Nays: Wingard
Exc.: Barton, Gilliam
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Meeting Dates: 5/13, 5/18, 5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires manufactured dwelling park landlords to use submetering as billing method when landlord assesses tenant utility or service charge for water. Limits application of measure to manufactured dwelling parks with 200 or more spaces. Requires compliance by December 31, 2012.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost of submetering
- Effect of submetering on water usage
- Costs to tenants in parks with significant leakage issues
- Alternative approaches to leak detection and remediation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Moves implementation date from January 2nd to December 31st of 2012.

BACKGROUND: Tenants in manufactured dwelling parks generally are billed for their water usage through one of the following methods: tracking water charges through a master meter and recovering it in rent; apportioning through pro rata allocation; or billing for actual usage through submetering at the tenant's space. Senate Bill 929B requires that the landlord of a manufactured dwelling park of 200 or more spaces use a submetering method when the landlord bills the tenants for water usage.