

**REVENUE:** Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
<b>Vote:</b>	8 – 0 – 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Cameron, Clem, Conger, Matthews, Sheehan, Smith J., Holvey, Whisnant
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits assessment of system development charges or standby charges for a water meter of higher capacity installed for fire sprinklers in one- or two-family homes.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Referral to Committee on Rules

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Most homes have a 5/8” water meter, but in many cases a 1” water meter is required to supply the needed gallons per minute for a fire sprinkler system. The larger meter typically carries a system development charge, which can amount to more than the cost of the fire sprinkler system. Residential fire sprinklers are credited for lowering the risk of dying in a home fire by about 80 percent, and reducing the average property loss by 71 percent.