

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass  
Vote: 6 - 0 - 0  
Yeas: Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: 0  
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Meeting Dates: 2/10

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes two categories of regulation, rate regulation and service regulation, for all water utilities regulated by the Public Utility Commission. Dictates that water utilities that serve 500 or more customers are rate regulated. Stipulates that water utilities which serve fewer than 500 customers may be rate regulated, service regulated or not regulated based on the type, quality, and price of service they provide and based on petitions by the utility or utility customers.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need for clarity in regulation for water utilities.

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

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon has over 2,000 water companies. The vast majority of Oregonians are served by approximately 1,100 cities and publicly owned companies. These water companies are exempt from regulation by the Public Utility Commission due to their type of ownership. As of September 2009, the Commission regulated 81 water companies.