

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bentz, Boone, Dembrow, Johnson, Reardon, Vega Pederson, Weidner, Whitsett, Bailey
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/26, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Public Utility Commission to set by rule filing dates for public utility budget documents. Clarifies which regulations relate apply to water utilities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current statutory requirements for public utility budget documents
- Differences between service-regulated and rate-regulated water utilities
- Public Utility Commission statute review process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current statute requires public utilities file with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) specific budgetary documents on or before November 1 of each year. Some information necessary is occasionally not available to public utilities by November 1. As this language is in statute, the PUC cannot waive this requirement.

House Bill 2266 would remove the filing date requirements from statute and direct the PUC to put them in rule, allowing them to allow exceptions for special circumstances. House Bill 2266 would also clarify regulations as they relate to service-regulated and rate-regulated water utilities.