

Submitter: Robert Hart

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3459

I oppose this bill and ask that this bill be removed from further consideration. This bill, like many other bills in this session, is removing responsibility from persons by prohibiting the utility company from removing the service. This type of legislation appears to help persons in financial trouble that cannot pay their bill. However it only prolongs the problem by allowing them to keep increasing their debt. There are other programs to provide emergency help and counseling on management. This type of assistance is similar to students that keep taking on more and more debt for school and then demand someone else pay off their loan. We only enable lack of responsibility for actions with these proposed "help" programs. Additionally, when people refuse to pay their bill, the people that do pay their bills will have to make up the difference in order to keep the utility in business. Raising rates to cover losses is not fair to responsible persons. I ask you to not pass this bill.