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Joint Committee on Energy and Technology  
**Public Hearing**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**  
1:00pm in LOB Room 1D

**Testimony**  
**In Support Of**

**Proposed Bill S.B. 4 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES  
AND MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVES.**

**In Opposition Of**

**Proposed Bills: H.B. 5234 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY  
COOPERATIVES AND NONMEMBER MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES; S.B.78  
AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CREATING JOINT  
PURCHASING AGENCIES and S.B. 79 AN ACT REPEALING SECTIONS  
REGARDING MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVES.**

Good afternoon Chairs Winfield, Formica, Reed, vice chairs, distinguished ranking members and members of the Joint Committee on Energy and Technology. For the record, my name is Representative Emmett Riley from the 46<sup>th</sup> District and **I respectfully submit testimony in support of HB-S.B. 4, An Act Concerning Municipal Electric Utilities And Municipal Electric Energy Cooperatives.**

Consumers are becoming increasingly interested in having access to as much information as possible when it comes to the utility services they receive. We have already taken steps to protect consumers from unscrupulous electric retailers by banning variable electric rates, and now we

are simply asking for more transparency at the municipal level on information that should be readily available to customers that wish to have access.

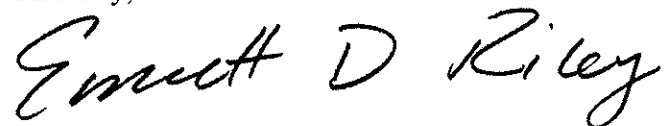
I believe that consumers should know when the boards of directors meet to discuss issues that eventually trickle down to impact them as well as access to financial reports and all pertinent information on the way business decisions impact them.

On the other hand, for the same reasons that I support more transparency to benefit consumers, **I oppose H.B. 5234**, An Act Concerning Municipal Electric Energy Cooperatives And Nonmember Municipal Electric Utilities; **S.B. 78** An Act Concerning Municipal Electric Utilities Creating Joint Purchasing Agencies and **S.B. 79** An Act Repealing Sections Regarding Municipal Electric Energy Cooperatives.

These three bills stand in sharp contrast with the intent of S.B. 4 by excluding crucial information that interferes with the transparency for customers that I support.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emmett D Riley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emmett D. Riley  
State Representative – 46th District