OLR Bill Analysis
HB 5014

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE TO CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHEN AN APPLICATION IS MADE FOR A CHANGE OF CONTROL OF A WATER COMPANY.

SUMMARY
This bill requires entities seeking to change control of (e.g., purchase) a water company to provide written notification to certain public officials. Existing law generally requires the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority’s (PURA) approval whenever a (1) utility company or holding company attempts to exercise authority or control over a PURA-regulated utility company already providing service in the state or (2) corporation, association, partnership, trust, or similar organization becomes a holding company with control over a PURA-regulated utility company.

Under the bill, a person or entity that applies for PURA’s approval to change control of a PURA-regulated water company through either of the above actions must provide written notice, by mail, within 15 days after applying to PURA. The notice must be sent to (1) the chief elected official in each municipality that lies in whole or in part within the water company’s service territory and (2) each state legislator whose district lies in whole or in part within the water company’s service territory.

The notice must indicate the following:

1. a short and plain statement of the transaction for which the entity is seeking PURA’s approval,
2. that the entity applied for PURA’s approval,
3. the docket number PURA assigned to the application,
4. a statement that the notified public officials may provide written
comments or comment in person to PURA about the application, and

5. PURA’s phone number for obtaining information about the application’s schedule.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/12/2019)