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**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 834*****AN ACT CONCERNING WATER QUALITY NOTIFICATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires commercial and residential property owners to notify each tenant and the lessee of any rented property whenever the property's water supply is tested and exceeds any maximum contaminant level in the Public Health Code or the Department of Public Health's (DPH) state drinking water action level list.

Under the bill, the property owner must forward a copy of the test result notification to each tenant and lessee within 24 hours after receiving it. It also requires the local health director to take all reasonable steps to verify that the property owner does so.

By law, DPH sets drinking water quality standards (i.e., "action levels") to protect residents from health risks. In most cases, these standards mirror the federal Environmental Protection Agency's maximum contaminant levels for public system drinking water.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 33 Nay 0 (03/29/2021)