
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 325

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN CHARGES AND REQUIRING APPROVAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF HYDRANTS BY WATER COMPANIES.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits water companies from charging municipalities a fire protection charge for a water line that:

1. is not connected to a fire hydrant on the same street;
2. does not have a fire hydrant connected to it in the same municipality; or
3. the company does not own and maintain, or a hydrant that the company does not own and maintain.

It also prohibits water companies from:

1. charging municipalities a linear foot charge or fire hydrant charge for a water line located on private property or
2. installing a hydrant without first obtaining permission from the chief administrative officer and local fire marshal of the municipality or jurisdiction in which the hydrant will be located.

The bill's prohibitions apply regardless of conflicting state statutes. The bill does not define water company or municipality. Generally, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority regulates the rates of investor-owned water companies and the Department of Public Health regulates other types of water systems.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 2 (03/25/2022)