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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sSB 456**

***AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN AND SAFE WELL WATER.***

**SUMMARY**

By law, if the (1) Department of Environmental and Energy Protection (DEEP) commissioner determines that groundwater pollution has or is reasonably expected to occur, and (2) Department of Public Health commissioner determines that the pollution creates or is reasonably expected to create an unacceptable injury risk to people using the water for drinking and other domestic or personal use, then the DEEP commissioner may order the person or municipality responsible for the pollution to provide potable drinking water to all people affected by it.

This bill specifies that the order may include the repair or replacement of a contaminated private well if the DEEP commissioner deems it necessary.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/23/2022)