

SB 1062 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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Meeting Dates: 3/24, 3/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Secretary of State to conduct a study of local authority over regulated utility rates and infrastructure maintenance and to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to rules no later than September 15, 2026.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Stipulates that notwithstanding any provision of a city's charter or code to the contrary, fees for water and wastewater services provided by the city may be set by a majority vote of the governing body of the city.

- Minimal Fiscal Impact
- No Revenue Impact

BACKGROUND:

The Public Utility Commission (PUC) approves rates that investor-owned electric, natural gas, and water utilities charge their customers. All regulated electric and natural gas utilities must seek PUC approval for all rate and service schedules, or tariffs. Of the small number of water utilities regulated by the PUC, some are regulated for service only, while others are regulated for rates and service. Rate regulated water utilities must also seek PUC approval for all tariffs.