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SB 1312 (Perry) will be considered by the Senate Community Affairs Committee on Monday, April 17 at 4:00 p.m.

The bill includes preemptions that need to be removed. Please contact Senators on this committee and urge them to remove the following provisions in the bill:

- Language prohibiting local governments from charging a water or sewer rate for a larger water meter for a one or two family dwelling due to the installation of a fire sprinkler system above that which is charged to a one-family and two-family dwelling with a base meter. If the installation of fire sprinklers in a one-family or two-family dwelling requires the installation of a larger water meter, only the difference in actual cost between the base water meter and the larger water meter may be charged by the water utility provider.
- Language prohibiting local governments, including utility providers, from requiring a separate water connection for a fire sprinkler system for a one or two family dwelling if the dwelling's original water connection can meet the needs of the sprinkler system.
- Language prohibiting a local jurisdiction from requiring an owner of a residence to obtain a permit to paint their residence regardless if the owner is a limited liability company.

Message to Senators:

- A provision in Section 5 of the bill creates a specific type of residential customer which enables that customer to have a higher level of service whose costs will be borne by other ratepayers.
- A provision in Section 5 also allows an increased use of domestic water supply for irrigation purposes. Current pipe sizes provide some limit on monthly irrigation use. Increased pipe sizes will encourage overwatering, and negatively impact local water supply.
- The prohibition of a separate water connection for a fire sprinkler system creates a safety risk for those customers who leave their residence for an extended period of time and request that their water services be temporarily suspended (utilities can only turn off water at the meter).
- In addition, this creates a safety risk for customers whose water is shut off due to non-payment.

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