

HCS SB 618: Relating to Utilities (4059H.05C)

Section	Original Bill	Status As of 4/28/20	Description
144.030	HB 2658 Rep. Riggs	2 nd Read in the House (2/28)	<p>SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION Establishes a sales and use tax exemption for all purchases by a Missouri company of certain solar photovoltaic energy distributed generation systems and all supplies used to make improvements to the systems.</p>
393.1009, 393.1015	HCS HB 1992 (companion bill to SB 618)	On the House Perfection Calendar Rep. Kidd	<p>GAS ISRS Modifies the definition of "gas utility plant projects" as it applies to the infrastructure system replacement surcharge (ISRS) for gas corporations.</p> <p>Extends the time the PSC staff has to examine the ISRS petition and the time the commission has to hold a hearing and issue an order on the petition.</p>
393.1012, 393.1015, and Section 1	SB 618 Sen. Wallingford (underlying bill)	Referred to House SC on Regulatory Oversight and Reform	<p>GAS ISRS Requires gas corporations using ISRS to develop and file with the PSC a pre-qualification process for contractors seeking to participate in competitive bidding to install ISRS-eligible gas utility plant projects. The gas corporation must file a verified statement with the PSC stating that it has in place a pre-qualification process by Jan. 1, 2022.</p> <p>Any ISRS petition after Jan. 1, 2022, must include a verified statement that the gas corporation is using a competitive bidding process for installing no less than 25% of ISRS-eligible gas utility plant projects. The lowest and best bid in the competitive bidding process must receive the contract.</p> <p>The PSC must prepare a report for the General Assembly annually on the competitive bidding process.</p> <p>The provisions relating to the ISRS for gas corporations expire on August 28, 2029.</p>
442.404	HB 2526 Rep. Haffner	On the House Perfection Calendar	<p>RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND SOLAR PANELS Provides that no deed restriction, covenant, or similar binding agreement running with the land shall limit or prohibit the installation of solar panels or solar collectors, as defined in the bill, on the rooftop of any property or structure.</p> <p>A homeowners' association may adopt reasonable rules regarding the placement of solar panels or solar collectors to the extent those rules do not prevent the installation of the device or adversely affect its functioning, use, cost, or efficiency.</p>

523.262	HCS HB 2033 Hansen	Referred to Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and Environment Committee (2/20)	EMINENT DOMAIN Specifies that no entity has the power of eminent domain for the purposes of constructing above-ground merchant lines. This restriction will not apply to any rural electric cooperatives or any electrical corporation operating under a cooperative business plan.
610.021	HB 1953 Rep. Trent	On the House Perfection Calendar	SUNSHINE LAW Adds individually identifiable customer usage and billing records for customers of municipally owned utilities to the list of records that are exempt from disclosure under the Sunshine Law, except that a municipally owned utility must make available the customer's name, billing address, location of service and dates of service for a commercial service account.
620.2451	HB 1768 Rep. Riggs	Referred to Senate Economic Development Committee (4/7)	RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS FUNDING Requires the Department of Economic Development to maintain a record of all federal grants awarded to entities for the purposes of providing, maintaining, and expanding rural broadband in the state of Missouri. In cases in which funds have been retained, withheld or not distributed due to failure to meet performance standards or other criteria, the department must seek to have the funds awarded to another eligible, qualified Missouri broadband provider.
620.2459	HB 1859 Rep. Riggs	On the House Perfection Calendar	BROADBAND INTERNET GRANT PROGRAM Extends the sunset on the Broadband Internet Grant Program to August 28, 2027.
640.142, 640.144, 640.145	HCS HB 2120 Rep. Kidd	Referred to Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and Environment Committee (3/12)	WATER SAFETY AND SECURITY Specifies that within one year, every public water system in the state that uses an Internet-connected control system must create a plan that establishes policies and procedures for identifying and mitigating cyber risk. All public water systems must also create a valve inspection and a hydrant inspection program as specified in the bill and must submit a report upon the request of the Department of Natural Resources that certifies compliance with regulations regarding water quality sampling, testing, reporting, hydrant and valve inspections, and cyber security plans. These requirements do not apply to cities with a population of more than 30,000 inhabitants, Jackson or St. Louis counties.
67.5122	HB 2182 Rep. Miller	Public Hearing Held by House Utilities Committee (2/25)	UNIFORM SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY DEPLOYMENT ACT Repeals the expiration date of the Uniform Small Wireless Facility Deployment Act.
Section 1	HCA 1 (4053H05.05H)		Removes Section 1 from SB 618 (see above)

393.1900	HCA 2 (4059H05.01H)		During a state of emergency due to a pandemic the discontinuance of gas or electric services to residential users for nonpayment of bills, if gas or electricity is used as a heating or cooling source at such resident, shall be prohibited.
393.1015	HCA 3 (4059H05.06H)		Amends SB 618 language as follows: If a gas corporation’s ISRS includes unlawful and unreasonable charges as determined in a final court ruling and from which no appeal is taken, subject to commission approval, the gas corporation shall refund every current customer of the gas corporation who paid such charges before the gas corporation may file for a new ISRS. Customers who are no longer serviced by the gas corporation but who paid such charges may apply to the gas corporation for a refund within 2 years of the ruling.
640.141	HCA 4		Creates a definition for “community water system” and changes existing references to public water systems to community water systems.