

HB 767 -- PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Roden

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 7 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 4 with 1 voting Present.

This bill prohibits public water supply districts and metropolitan public water supply districts from requiring a secondary deposit from commercial property owners. Both kinds of water supply districts are also barred from charging a customer once a water meter has been removed from the applicable property or if service has been discontinued. Any charges made after service is discontinued or the water meter is removed shall be credited toward the customer's future charges.

This bill is the same as HB 521 (2019).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that certain water supply districts are requiring a double deposit on commercial properties, one from the landlord and one from the tenant. Only one deposit should be necessary per meter.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Roden. Arnie Dienoff also submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

OPPONENTS: Association of Water Districts submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.