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Bill Number: H. 3478 Introduced on January 10, 2023
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Subject: Safe Water Act
Requestor: House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Wren
Impact Date: January 20, 2023

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires a public or private utility or municipality operating a public water system to provide on the customer's water bill the water purification levels for the water provided during the previous billing cycle in comparison with the minimum state water quality standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) or the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) since it does not operationally or fiscally impact either agency.

The bill will may have an impact on municipal governments that operate a public water system. Some municipalities may need to purchase a software system that allows for printing messages on utility bills. The initial cost for the software could be minimal for some municipalities and could be managed within existing budgets, while the cost for other municipalities could have a larger impact. The overall expenditure impact is undetermined and will depend upon the type of software.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill enacts the "Safe Water Act" and requires a public or private utility or municipality operating a public water system to provide on the customer's water bill the water purification levels for the water provided during the previous billing cycle in comparison with the minimum state water quality standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Since the bill does not operationally or fiscally impact DHEC or ORS, there is no expenditure impact on either agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill requires a public or private utility or municipality operating a public water system to provide on the customer's water bill the water purification levels for the water provided during

the previous billing cycle in comparison with the minimum state water quality standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) indicates that the bill could increase expenses of some municipalities that operate a public water system for the purchase of software that allows for printing messages on utility bills. MASC further indicates that the initial cost for the software could be minimal for some municipalities and could be managed within existing budgets, while the cost for other municipalities could have a larger impact. The overall expenditure impact will depend upon the type of software. Therefore, the expenditure impact is undetermined.

Local Revenue

N/A



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