

House Study Bill 650

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the water quality protection fund by changing
2 the calculation of operating fees assessed against public
3 water supply systems.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 5427XD 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 455B.171, Code Supplement 2007, is
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 28A. "Service connections" means the
1 4 total number of active and inactive service lines originating
1 5 from a water distribution main for the purpose of delivering
1 6 water intended for human consumption.

1 7 Sec. 2. Section 455B.183A, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
1 8 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1 9 b. The operation of a public water supply system,
1 10 including any part of the system. The commission shall adopt
1 11 a fee schedule ~~which shall be that is~~ based on the total
1 12 number of ~~persons served by~~ service connections in all public
1 13 water supply systems in this state. However, a public water
1 14 supply system shall be assessed a fee of at least ~~twenty-five~~
1 15 fifty dollars.

~~1 16 (1) A noncommunity public water supply system not owned or
1 17 operated by a community and serving a transient population
1 18 shall be assessed a fee of twenty-five based on the number of
1 19 persons served, but the fee shall not be less than fifty
1 20 dollars. The number of persons served by a noncommunity
1 21 system shall be the average number of daily employees plus the
1 22 average number of other persons served, such as customers or
1 23 visitors, during the peak month of the year, regardless of
1 24 whether the water is actually used for human consumption.~~

~~1 25 (2) The commission shall calculate all fees in the
1 26 schedule to produce total revenues equaling three hundred
1 27 fifty thousand of not more than one million dollars for each
1 28 fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1,
1 29 1995 2008, and ending June 30, 1996 2009.~~

1 30 (3) For each fiscal year, the fees shall be deposited into
1 31 the public water supply system account.

1 32 (4) By May 1 of each year, the department shall estimate
1 33 the total revenue expected to be collected from the
1 34 overpayment of fees, which are all fees in excess of the
1 35 amount of the total revenues which are expected to be
2 1 collected under the current fee schedule, and the total
2 2 revenue expected to be collected from the payment of fees
2 3 during the next fiscal year. The commission shall adjust the
2 4 fees if the estimate exceeds the amount of revenue required to
2 5 be deposited in the account pursuant to this lettered
2 6 paragraph.

EXPLANATION

2 8 This bill relates to the water quality protection fund.

2 9 The bill changes the basis for determining operating fees
2 10 assessed against community public water supply systems.

2 11 Currently, operating fees are assessed based on the number of
2 12 persons served. The bill bases fees on the number of
2 13 connections in all community public water supply systems.

2 14 The bill bases the fee for noncommunity public water supply
2 15 systems on the number of persons served and provides that the
2 16 minimum fee shall be \$50 per year.

2 17 The bill also changes the upper limit of the fee schedule.

2 18 Currently, fees must be calculated to generate \$350,000 in

2 19 revenue each fiscal year. The bill provides that fees shall
2 20 be calculated to generate not more than \$1 million in revenue
2 21 each fiscal year.
2 22 Finally, the bill defines "service connections" for
2 23 purposes of fee calculation as the total number of active and
2 24 inactive service lines originating from a water distribution
2 25 main for the purpose of delivering water intended for human
2 26 consumption.
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