

Senate Study Bill 1059

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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:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 455B.171, Code 2009, is amended by
1 2 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 2009, 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 2009~~, and ending June 30, ~~1996 2010~~.
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.
2 7 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 The bill defines "service connections" for purposes of fee
2 23 calculation as the total number of active and inactive service
2 24 lines originating from a water distribution main for the
2 25 purpose of delivering water intended for human consumption.
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