

Utilities

H.B. 226

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Robb Blasdel and Jarrells

Effective date: October 24, 2024

- Permits a water-works company to replace lead customer-owned water service lines, or customer-owned water service lines of other compositions, as part of a scheduled utility main replacement project, emergency placement, or when ordered or mandated to do so.
- Requires a water-works company to reimburse a customer who replaces a lead customer-owned water service line, or customer-owned water service line of other composition, that was ordered or mandated to be replaced, if the customer requests reimbursement within 12 months after completing the replacement.
- Requires the cost of replacing water service lines and reimbursements paid to water service customers to be included in the company's public utility property valuation report used in the company's rate case.

H.B. 308

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Stein and Brennan

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Oil and Gas Land Management Commission leases

- Increases, from three to five years, the term of the standard lease adopted by the Oil and Gas Land Management Commission for use by a state agency when leasing oil and gas rights on property owned or managed by the state agency.

Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program

- Modifies the reimbursement formula under the Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program as follows:
 - For actual and reasonable costs to perform a pole replacement or mid-span pole installation, reimbursements equal the lesser of \$7,500 multiplied by the number of pole replacements and mid-pole installations in an application or 75% of the total eligible costs therein.
 - For actual and reasonable undergrounding costs, reimbursements must not exceed 75% of the total eligible costs, except that the reimbursements cannot exceed the amount that would be available if the applicant did a pole replacement or mid-span pole installation instead.

- Adds to those costs that are eligible for reimbursement undergrounding costs needed because the process for obtaining access to poles is causing, or is reasonably anticipated to cause, a delay that impacts the applicant's ability to meet required deadlines.

Board of health special funds

- Expands the purposes for which money derived from the general disposal fee on construction and demolition debris (C&DD) disposed of at a C&DD facility or a solid waste facility may be used by a board of health to include both:
 - Administration and enforcement of the laws governing solid and hazardous waste; and
 - Mitigation of any impacts to the public from a C&DD facility and solid waste disposal or transfer facility within the health district, including ensuring inspection of any such facility to prevent any negative public impact.

Nuclear energy as green energy

- Includes energy generated by a nuclear reaction as "green energy."