

HCS HB 2289 -- UTILITY SERVICE RATES

SPONSOR: Higdon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, a city, town, village or sewer district may charge higher rates for water or sewer services to premises outside of the corporate boundaries. This bill limits the rate to no more than one and one-half times the rate charged within the corporate boundaries.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that water and sewer customers being served by municipal utilities, but who also live in the county, have no say in how municipal rates are set, and yet have to pay exorbitant prices. This bill attempts to achieve equity amongst in- and outer-city limit sewer and water rates.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Higdon.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.