

HB 2343 -- PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS

SPONSOR: Morris (140)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 6 to 1.

This bill specifies that a business's water system is not a public water system, regardless of if it meets the definition, if the business does not serve water from the system for the purpose of drinking. If a facility does not fill out the Public Water System Inventory Questionnaire to determine if a facility's water system should be regulated as a public water system, the department may include the name of a facility on a public list indicating the facility failed to submit the questionnaire, but no additional penalty can apply.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that some facilities that would be considered a public drinking water system do not provide drinking water to the public. This bill would allow these facilities to not be considered public drinking water systems.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Morris.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the Public Drinking Water Inventory is the way the department determines who is considered a public drinking water system. The Safe Drinking Water Act has evolved to include hand washing as a qualifying activity to be considered a public drinking water system.

Testifying on the bill were John Madras, Sierra Club; and the Missouri Department Of Natural Resources.