



## **Bills Affecting the Water Industry**

The legislature's Energy & Technology Committee reserved the following bills for a subject matter public hearing:

- **SB-222 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM ASSETS (CWWA supports)**
  - Purpose: to establish a process for the sale of a municipal water supply system or municipal wastewater system.
- **SB - 224 - AN ACT CONCERNING LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PLANS AND COST RECOVERY MECHANISMS**
  - Purpose: to allow water companies to submit lead service line replacement plans to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to authorize cost recovery for the replacement of customer lead service lines.
- **SB - 814 - AN ACT REQUIRING BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT TESTING OF WATER SUPPLIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE PRESENCE OF LEAD**
  - Purpose: to require each local and regional board of education to conduct a test of the water supply for any school building or facility constructed before July 1, 1986, for the presence of lead.
- **HB- 5014 - AN ACT REQUIRING WATER COMPANIES TO PROVIDE NOTICE REGARDING MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS OR CHANGES TO THEIR CORPORATE STRUCTURE**
  - Purpose: to require water companies to provide notice regarding mergers, acquisitions or changes to their corporate structure.
- **HB - 5015 - AN ACT CONCERNING PROVIDING NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS OF SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS SYSTEMS AND WATER COMPANIES**
  - Purpose: to require municipalities that operate municipal waterworks systems and water companies to provide notice to homeowners before conducting surveys on such homeowners' property.
- **HB - 6423 - AN ACT PROHIBITING PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES AND MOBILE CARRIER COMPANIES FROM REQUIRING CREDIT CHECKS.**
  - Purpose: to prohibit public service companies and mobile carrier companies from requiring credit checks.

The bills, which will not be fully drafted prior to the public hearing, are expected to be scheduled for a public hearing during the week of February 21 or 28. We do have concerns with some of the

bills and will be outlining those concerns in testimony before the Energy & Technology Committee.

Interested in testifying? Please contact CWWA's Betsy Gara at [gara@gmlobbying.com](mailto:gara@gmlobbying.com) or 860-841-7350.

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### **Bill Limiting the Use of PFAs in Certain Products**

HB-5910 - An Act Limiting the use of Polyfluoroalkyl Chemicals in Certain Products - has been raised for a subject matter public hearing before the legislature's Public Health Committee.

CWWA is drafting testimony to address issues relating to PFAs and public water supplies.

A complete status report of bills affecting the water industry will be sent to CWWA members and supporters next week.

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### **Comments Needed - Safe Drinking Water Primacy Assessment Fee**

The Department of Public Health recently released proposed Safe Drinking Water Primacy Assessment language for public comment.

**Comments must be emailed to [dph.fee@ct.gov](mailto:dph.fee@ct.gov) by February 9, 2019.**

CWWA is urging members to submit comments outlining concerns with the proposed language, see Talking Points.

Please let Betsy Gara know if you are submitting concerns or require assistance in drafting comments. Again, the deadline for comments is February 9.

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