SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

February 6, 2020

Chair of Committee: Date

Committee on Transportation & Energy.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB20-030 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "(1);" and substitute "(1) and (3);".

Page 2, after line 11 insert:

"(3) If the commission determines that a means test is necessary for the medical exemption, the commission shall use no less than two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level for the customer's household as the maximum income to be eligible for the medical exemption."

Page 3, strike lines 15 through 17 and substitute:

"(a) RESOURCES TO SUPPORT CUSTOMERS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES, AS APPROPRIATE TO THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVED;
(b) LIMITING SHUT-OFF TIMES TO REASONABLE HOURS OF THE DAY".

Page 3, line 24, after "CHARITIES," insert "NONPROFITS,".

Page 3, strike lines 26 and 27.

Page 4, strike line 1 and substitute:
"(c) For each utility, standardized methodology to be used in determining reconnection fees and deposit requirements for reconnection;".

Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

Page 4, strike lines 9 through 11 and substitute "Without a reasonable attempt to make contact with the customer of record by telephone or engaging in a personal, physical visit to the premises; and".

Page 4, line 13, strike "QUARTERLY," and substitute "ANNUALLY,"

Page 4, line 15, after the period add "For the purpose of trend analysis, utilities may disaggregate data by month or by quarter, as the commission deems appropriate. Reporting requirements must take into consideration existing utility reporting and must allow the utilities a reasonable ability to ascertain data."

Page 4, line 22, strike "(1)(j)" and substitute "(1)(i)"

Page 5, line 4, strike "ON OR AFTER"

Page 5, strike lines 5 through 8 and substitute "For rates approved by the commission on or after September 1, 2020, the commission shall require utility revenue or billing adjustment mechanisms to ensure that a utility's change in rate design does not result in an increase in aggregated customer bills or the utility's annual net revenue. In adopting new rate designs for residential customers, the commission shall consider that higher bills due to changes in rate design that negatively impact low-income customers and families on fixed incomes are not in the public interest."

Page 5, line 27, strike "(1)(j)" and substitute "(1)(i)".

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