

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

February 6, 2020

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:

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

3 Page 2, after line 11 insert:

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

9 Page 3, strike lines 15 through 17 and substitute:

10 "(a) RESOURCES TO SUPPORT CUSTOMERS IN MULTIPLE
11 LANGUAGES, AS APPROPRIATE TO THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVED;

12 (b) LIMITING SHUT-OFF TIMES TO REASONABLE HOURS OF THE
13 DAY".

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

15 Page 3, strike lines 26 and 27.

16 Page 4, strike line 1 and substitute:

1 "(e) FOR EACH UTILITY, STANDARDIZED METHODOLOGY TO BE
2 USED IN DETERMINING RECONNECTION FEES AND DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS
3 FOR RECONNECTION;"

4 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

5 Page 4, strike lines 9 through 11 and substitute "WITHOUT A REASONABLE
6 ATTEMPT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE CUSTOMER OF RECORD BY
7 TELEPHONE OR ENGAGING IN A PERSONAL, PHYSICAL VISIT TO THE
8 PREMISES; AND".

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

10 Page 4, line 15, after the period add "FOR THE PURPOSE OF TREND
11 ANALYSIS, UTILITIES MAY DISAGGREGATE DATA BY MONTH OR BY
12 QUARTER, AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE. REPORTING
13 REQUIREMENTS MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION EXISTING UTILITY
14 REPORTING AND MUST ALLOW THE UTILITIES A REASONABLE ABILITY TO
15 ASCERTAIN DATA."

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

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

18 Page 5, strike lines 5 through 8 and substitute "FOR RATES APPROVED BY
19 THE COMMISSION ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2020, THE COMMISSION
20 SHALL REQUIRE UTILITY REVENUE OR BILLING ADJUSTMENT MECHANISMS
21 TO ENSURE THAT A UTILITY'S CHANGE IN RATE DESIGN DOES NOT RESULT
22 IN AN INCREASE IN AGGREGATED CUSTOMER BILLS OR THE UTILITY'S
23 ANNUAL NET REVENUE. IN ADOPTING NEW RATE DESIGNS FOR RESIDENTIAL
24 CUSTOMERS, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER THAT HIGHER BILLS DUE
25 TO CHANGES IN RATE DESIGN THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACT LOW-INCOME
26 CUSTOMERS AND FAMILIES ON FIXED INCOMES ARE NOT IN THE PUBLIC
27 INTEREST."

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

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