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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 447, L.D. 1359, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Locally Governed Water District Act"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§6203.~~" in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 25 in amendment) by striking out the following: "10%" and inserting in its place the following: '8'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§6203.~~" in subsection 2 in the 4th and 5th lines (page 2, lines 26 and 27 in amendment) by striking out the following: "The participating utilities must" and inserting in its place the following: 'The commission shall try to'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§6203.~~" in subsection 2 in paragraph A in the last line (page 2, line 31 in amendment) by striking out the following: "100,000" and inserting in its place the following: '25,000'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§6203.~~" in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the last line (page 2, line 34 in amendment) by striking out the following: "100,000" and inserting in its place the following: '25,000'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§6205.~~" by inserting after subsection 5 the following:

'6. Interconnection agreements. Prior to the sale of water by a locally governed water district to an adjacent water utility, the locally governed water district and the adjacent water utility shall negotiate in good faith to establish a rate

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2 for the sale of water. In the event the parties are unable to
3 agree upon a rate, the water utility seeking to purchase water
4 may petition the commission to establish rates and terms for the
5 sale of water.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment accomplishes 3 things. First, it changes the requirement that the pilot project include a water utility from one serving more than 100,000 people to one serving more than 25,000 people. Second, it reduces the number of participants in the pilot project from 10% of the consumer-owned water utilities operating in the State to 8 utilities. Third, in the case of a locally governed water district's selling water to an adjacent water utility at wholesale, the Public Utilities Commission retains jurisdiction to establish fair rates for the sale of water by locally governed water districts.

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