

HCS HB 250 -- WATER WELL REGULATIONS (Cox)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources

This substitute specifies that any water system that exclusively serves a charitable or benevolent organization will be exempt from all rules relating to well construction except those applying to multifamily wells and those requiring proof of water quantity drawn unless it is determined to present a threat to groundwater or public health. A water system cannot be exempt if it regularly serves an average of 100 people or more for at least 60 days of the year or if it serves a school or daycare facility.

If a system has three or more violations of the total coliform maximum contaminant level in a 12-month period or one acute violation of the maximum contaminant level, the system's owner must provide an alternative source of water, eliminate the source of contamination, or provide treatment that reliably achieves at least 99.99% treatment of viruses.

No facility can be required to replace, change, upgrade, or alter an existing well constructed prior to August 28, 2011, unless the well is determined to be a threat to groundwater or public health or contains certain contaminant levels.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.