

HB 1611 -- SMART METER OPT OUT

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This bill requires utilities regulated by the Public Service Commission to allow customers to choose between smart meters and traditional meters. Customers may also request that existing smart meters be replaced. Provisions for notice, requesting change of meters, and time limits for performance are specified in the bill. The bill also contains various consumer protection clauses designed to prevent customers from being coerced into accepting smart meter technology. Smart meter technology is regulated so that customer data is encrypted, not subject to public record laws, and subject to request by law enforcement only by warrant or lawful court order.