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An act to amend Section 116590 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 116590 of the Health and Safety Code, as added by Section 26 of Chapter 24 of the Statutes of 2015, is amended to read:

116590. (a) Funds received by the state board pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited into the Safe Drinking Water Account ~~that Account~~, which is hereby established, and shall be available for use by the state board, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of providing funds necessary to administer this chapter. Funds in the Safe Drinking Water Account ~~may~~ shall not be expended for any purpose other than as set forth in this chapter.

(b) A public water system ~~may be permitted to~~ may collect a fee from its customers to recover the fees paid by the public water system pursuant to this chapter.

(c) The total amount of funds received for state operations program costs to administer this chapter for fiscal year 2016–17 shall not exceed ~~thirty million four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$30,450,000)~~ thirty-eight million fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,058,000) and the total amount of funds received for administering this chapter for each fiscal year thereafter shall not increase by more than 5 percent of the amount received in the previous fiscal year plus any changes to salary, benefit, and retirement adjustments contained in each annual Budget Act.

(d) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2016.



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: Safe Drinking Water Account: state operations program costs.

Existing law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, provides for the operation of public water systems and imposes on the State Water Resources Control Board various duties and responsibilities for the regulation and control of drinking water in the state. The act, on and after July 1, 2016, requires the state board to adopt, by regulation, a fee schedule, to be paid annually by each public water system for the purpose of reimbursing the state board for specified activities. The act requires funds received by the state board for the purposes of the act to be deposited into the Safe Drinking Water Account and provides that the moneys in the account are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the administration of the act. The act prohibits the total amount of funds received for state operations program costs to administer the act for fiscal year 2016–17 from exceeding \$30,450,000.

This bill would raise that limit to \$38,058,000.



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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.



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