

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: California Safe Drinking Water Act: public water system: consolidation or extension of service.

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 responsibilities and duties. Existing law requires the state board to conduct research, studies, and demonstration projects relating to the provision of a dependable, safe supply of drinking water, to adopt regulations to implement the California Safe Drinking Water Act, and to enforce provisions of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Existing law authorizes the state board to order physical or operational consolidation with a receiving water system where a public water system, or a state small water system within a disadvantaged community, consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. Existing law defines a disadvantaged community for the purpose of these provisions as a community with an annual median household



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income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual median income and that is in an unincorporated area or is served by a mutual water company.

This bill would revise the definition of disadvantaged community to include a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual median income that is served by a small public water system, as defined.

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



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An act to amend Section 116681 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 116681 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

116681. The following definitions shall apply to this section and Sections 116682 and 116684:

(a) "Adequate supply" means sufficient water to meet residents' health and safety needs.

(b) "Affected residence" means a residence reliant on a water supply that is either inadequate or unsafe.

(c) "Consistently fails" means a failure to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water.

(d) "Consolidated water system" means the public water system resulting from the consolidation of a public water system with another public water system, state small water system, or affected residences not served by a public water system.

(e) "Consolidation" means joining two or more public water systems, state small water systems, or affected residences not served by a public water system, into a single public water system.

(f) "Disadvantaged community" means a disadvantaged community, as defined in Section 79505.5 of the Water Code, that is in an unincorporated area or is served by either a mutual water company or a small public water system.

(g) "Extension of service" means the provision of service through any physical or operational infrastructure arrangement other than consolidation.



(h) "Receiving water system" means the public water system that provides service to a subsumed water system through consolidation or extension of service.

(i) "Safe drinking water" means water that meets all primary and secondary drinking water standards.

(j) "Small public water system" has the same meaning as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 116395.

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(k) "Subsumed water system" means the public water system, state small water system, or affected residences not served by a public water system consolidated into or receiving service from the receiving water system.

