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Bill Number: H. 3574 Introduced on January 12, 2021
Author: Clyburn
Subject: Safe Water Act
Requestor: House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
Impact Date: February 4, 2022

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill enacts the “Safe Water Act” and requires a public or private utility or municipality operating a public water system to provide on the customer’s water bill the water purification levels for the water provided during the previous billing cycle in comparison with the minimum state water quality standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Since the bill does not operationally or fiscally impact the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), there is no expenditure impact.

This bill will have an undetermined expenditure impact on municipal governments that operate a public water system. Some municipalities will need to purchase software that allows for printing messages on utility bills. The cost of the software could exceed \$5,000 per municipal entity. The overall expenditure impact will vary by municipality and will depend on the chosen software vendor.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Municipal Association of South Carolina indicates that this bill will increase expenses of some municipalities that operate a public water system for the purchase of software that allows for printing messages on utility bills. Some municipalities indicate that initial costs for such software could exceed \$5,000. The overall expenditure impact will vary by municipality and

will depend on the chosen software vendor. Therefore, the expenditure impact on municipal governments is undetermined.

Local Revenue

N/A



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