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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would eliminate the ability of municipal electric and water utilities to use the tax roll as a method of collection of unpaid water and electric bills from the owner of a rental property. Municipal utilities would possibly incur more costs as a result of this prohibition through alternatives such as increased "uncollectables" or the cost of bill collection agencies. Ultimately, unpaid bills would be written off as unrecoverable and increase the utility's cost of operation. The actual fiscal impact on municipalities is unknown because statistics are not available.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

unknown