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BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 46 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Jeff Irwin

Committee: Housing and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to do the following:

- Replace references of public water supplies to waterworks systems as those references relate to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) authority.
- Allow the Director of EGLE to enter a waterworks system for a mobile home or seasonal mobile home park to investigate a complaint of unsafe water.
- Expand EGLE's authority to regulate waterworks systems according to State drinking water standards for customer site piping at a mobile home park or seasonal mobile home park.

MCL 325.1002 et al.

BRIEF RATIONALE

Generally, EGLE may evaluate waterworks systems to protect the public health and must make certain that water suppliers meet State drinking water standards. According to testimony before the Senate Committee on Housing and Human Services, it is not uncommon for the water quality of some mobile home or seasonal mobile home parks to not meet the State's standards because EGLE has a limited scope of authority after water is received by a municipality. It has been suggested to grant EGLE authority to ensure safe drinking water at mobile home and seasonal mobile home parks.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)

The bill is similar to Senate Bill 920 of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 920 passed the Senate and was referred to the House Committee on Government Operations but received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Eleni Lionas

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate negative fiscal impact on EGLE. The extent of this impact would include administrative and staffing costs, which would depend on the number of complaints received that necessitated inspections, as well as the number of hearings that could be held in response to EGLE orders. The bill would significantly increase the number of waterworks systems overseen by EGLE, and it is unclear at this time if implementation costs would exceed current appropriations.

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