

CWWA Legislative Update

March 31, 2022

As of Thursday, March 31, most of the legislative committees have concluded their business for this session, aside from the Appropriations and Finance committees. The House and Senate are expected to convene on Wednesday, April 13 to begin their final deliberation of this session's legislation before transmittal to the Governor's Office.

As per CWWA's key issues, we have provided an update below in addition to a link to our most current Legislative Status Report and compliance workshop.

CWWA Legislative Status Report

Legionella

HB-5482 which included recommendations requiring water companies to adhere to strict sampling requirements and maintain a 0.1 chlorine residual died in the Public Health Committee, which took no action. Although CWWA had significant concerns with the bill, as drafted, we will be reaching out to the Department of Public Health (DPH) to work with them to address concerns regarding Legionella.

File Service Charges

A bill that would undermine the ability of water companies to adequately fund fire protection systems was approved by the legislature's Planning & Development Committee in a **24-2** vote, although other lawmakers expressed concern with the bill. **SB-325**, as amended, will prohibit water companies from assessing certain charges to municipalities and require them to obtain prior approval of fire hydrant installations from the municipality and the fire marshal.

Specifically, **SB-325** prohibits municipalities from assessing a municipality for a fire protection charge for 1) a water line that is not connected to a fire hydrant on the street where such water line is located; 2) a fire protection charge for a water line that does not have a fire hydrant connected to it within the municipality, or 3) a linear foot charge or hydrant charge for a water line or hydrant located on private property.

CWWA will be issuing a legislative alert urging members to contact their lawmakers to express concerns about the bill.

Impact of Solar Installation on Public Water Suppl

SB-248, which included CWWA's language to require DPH to provide information to the CT Siting Council regarding whether a proposed solar installation would have an adverse impact on the purity and adequacy of public water supplies, died in the Public Health Committee.

Electronic Notification of Proposed Projects within a Watershed

Language requiring applications for proposed projects on a public water supply watershed to be provided by email if the water company provided instructions for transmittal of such notice on its website was also included in SB-248 and did not move forward in the process.

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CWWA Workshop Compliance Assistance for CT's Water Utilities

*Tuesday, June 14 at the MDC Training Center,
Hartford, CT from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.*

*3.5 Training Credit Hours for Certified
Operators (pending approval).*

Sponsorships are available!

Topics to be covered include:

- Lead & Copper Rule Revisions - Compliance Strategies
- PFAS Treatment Technologies
- Managing Disinfection Byproducts
- Water Infrastructure Funding



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