

December 6, 2023

Legislative Update for BOWC Legal and Government Affairs Committee



Water & Sewerage
Department



AFFORDABILITY BILLS

- SB 549/HB 5088
Affordability Program
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Affordability Funding
- SB 551/HB 5090 Shutoff
Protection
- SB553/HB
Decriminalization of
Residential Water Turn-
Ons
- SB 554/HB 5091 Right to
Have Service in Tenant's
Name
- First 3 bills are tie-barred
- All bills introduced in Senate
and referred to Committee on
October 3, 2023; formal
hearing on October 31
- All bills introduced in House
and referred to Committee on
October 4; formal hearing on
October 26
- Meeting with legislators;
working on friendly
amendments
- Anticipate vote out of
committee after recess

AFFORDABILITY BILLS - OPPOSITION

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- Not enough protection
- Should not be tie-barred
- Want guaranteed 2-3% cap on
bills
- Too liberal and a handout
- Unlimited subsidy
- \$2 per meter fee (too high/too
low)
- Burden on water provider billing
systems
- Takes away important
disincentive to tampering with
assets; stealing water
- Landlords concerned about rent
reduction mandate

LAND BANK FAST TRACK ACT

- **HB 4675**

The properties of a land bank authority are exempt from all . . . user fees imposed by a local unit of government

- Introduced May 25, 2023 by legislators in Kent and Oakland County; referred to Local Gov't committee
- Exempts Land Banks from stormwater management charges
- Introduced with retroactivity to 2004
- Referred to Tax Committee October 4, 2023
- Reported out of Tax Committee November 1, 2023; removed retroactivity in Substitute Bill

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITIES

- **SB 660**

- Regulates creation of stormwater management utilities by local units of government
- Allows collection of fees
- Must offer ways to reduce or eliminate fee
- Appeal process
- NOT a mandate to create a stormwater management utility
- NOT retroactive; does not affect existing stormwater management utilities by local government

- Introduced and referred to committee on November 9, 2023
- DWSD monitoring, but bill does not directly affect City's drainage charge

Thank you

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