



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Water Affordability

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Philadelphia Tiered Assistance Program (TAP)

- ✓ Capped bill based on individual household income
- ✓ Not subject to Michigan's restrictive laws
- ✓ Over 500,000 residential customers vs. DWSD's 220,000
- ✓ Lower poverty rate: Philadelphia 21.7% vs. Detroit 31.9%
- ✓ More customers with ability to contribute to program costs
- ✓ Philadelphia raised rates 9.4% in 2025, 5.5% increase in 2026
- ✓ \$5 of every monthly bill goes toward TAP

Senate and House Bill Comparison

Bipartisan Senate Bill Package

- Dedicated Funding Source (\$1.25/month/account; .25 annual increase to \$2)
- Monthly bill = a percentage of average household income in service area. (2% up to 135% FPL; 3% @ 135-200%)
- No shut offs for critical care patients (regardless of income) and program enrollees

House Bill

- No funding source identified. Proposed appropriations insufficient.
- Monthly bill = a percentage of each specific household's income (2% up to 135% FPL; 2.5% @ 135 to 150%; 3% @ 150% to 200%)
- No shut offs for program enrollees and customers (regardless of income) if HH has seniors, pregnant women, dependents under 18, critical care patient