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Senate Bill 202- This bill is to allow one member of a public district service board to be a county commissioner of the county commission with authority to appoint the members of the board, regardless of whether the commissioner resides within the district. The bill was introduced on 1/9/2020 and referred to Senate Government Organization.

Senate Bill 339 - This bill is to authorize the Department of Health and Human Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to public water systems. The legislative rule establishes state standards and procedures and adopts national drinking water standards for public water systems and public water utilities. It establishes standards for the production and distribution of bottled drinking water, and also adopts federal standards for the certification of laboratories performing analyses of drinking water. The bill was introduced on January 14, 2020 and referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Bill 2057 - The purpose of this bill is to restore prevailing wages for certain government contracts to state law. This bill reinstates the Prevailing Wage Law that was in effect until its repeal in 2016. The bill was introduced on January 8, 2020 and referred to House Industry and Labor.

House Bill 2334 - The purpose of this bill is establishing industrial water extraction fees. The bill places a penny fee on every gallon of water extracted for industrial use. The bill places an additional penny fee on every gallon of water extracted for industrial use that is transported over state roads. The bill requires measuring of water withdrawals by a specified method. The bill defines terms and provides rule-making authority. The bill was introduced on January 8, 2020 and referred to House Energy.

House Bill 2430 - This bill is to prohibit any state public utility from forcing owner-occupied residences to participate in a public residential sewer system except where the sewer system being used is unsafe for human use or is a clear public safety hazard to others. The bill was introduced on January 14, 2020 and referred to House Technology and Infrastructure.

House Bill 2573 - This bill is to require new commercial and industrial customers to pay for the construction of any expanded or upgraded public service district facilities if the district's present facilities are insufficient to serve the needs of that commercial or industrial consumer. The bill prohibits any costs being passed on to present consumers. The bill was introduced on January 8, 2020 and referred to House Industry and Labor.

House Bill 2722 - This bill is to provide that state and federal income tax rates are to be used for rate making purposes for public utilities that are part of a publicly-traded, consolidated group. The bill was introduced on January 8, 2020 and referred to House Energy.

House Bill 4079 - This bill is to alter the definition of an above ground storage tank. The bill was introduced on January 9, 2020 and referred to House Energy.



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