



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1563

PRINTERS NO. 2128

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### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
Municipal Authority Funds	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

**SUMMARY:** Amends Title 53, Chapter 56 (Municipal Authorities Act) to allow the owner of multiple properties or units that are served by a single meter to request a rate study that utilizes a minimum of one year's worth of usage data.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends the Municipal Authorities Act to allow the owner of multiple properties or units that are served by a single meter to periodically request the authority to perform a rate study to determine if the rate the owner is paying is accurate. The rate study must use a minimum of one year's worth of usage data.

If the rate study determines that an adjustment is needed, the authority shall adjust the rate appropriately and use that rate for a minimum of a year at which time the authority or owner can request another rate study to determine if a further adjustment is needed.

A subsequent rate study may not be requested within one year of the initial study by the owner of multiple properties or units that are served by a single meter.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The legislation could result in slight changes in revenues and costs for municipal authorities depending on the results and costs of any conducted rate studies. Any estimate of these occurrences and the corresponding amounts are indeterminable at this point.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*