

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: FAV 02/18/2012

The Committee on Budget (Gaetz) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 734 and 735 insert:

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Section 22. If the governing body of a local governmental entity existing as an independent special district that provides water, wastewater, and sanitation services in a county having a population of fewer than 600,000 determines that a new user or the expansion of an existing user of one or more of its utility systems will provide a <u>significant benefit to the community in</u> terms of increased job opportunities, economies of scale, or economic development in the area, the governing body may authorize a reduction of its rates, fees, or charges for that



user for a specified period of time. A governing body that exercises this power must do so by resolution that states the anticipated economic benefit justifying the reduction as well as the period of time that the reduction remains in place. The local governmental entity may also purchase fuel, including, but not limited to, diesel fuel and gasoline, under the same terms, conditions, and exemptions enjoyed by municipalities and counties.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 148

and insert:

specified purposes; authorizing a local governmental entity that is an independent special district providing certain utility services to reduce its rates by resolution for a specified time for a user that will provide a community benefit; providing that the governmental entity may purchase fuel under the same conditions enjoyed by municipalities and counties; providing effective dates.