THE FLORIDA SENATE 2019 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Innovation, Industry, And Technology

CS/HB 591 — Pub. Rec./Public Utility Held Customer Information and Data by Energy and Utilities Subcommittee and Reps. Yarborough, Davis, and others (CS/SB 600 by Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee and Senators Gibson and Bean)

The bill exempts from public disclosure and inspection requirements customer meter-derived data and billing information in increments of less than one billing cycle held by a utility owned or operated by a unit of local government. The bill provides legislative findings as to the public necessity for the exemption and the balancing of public and private harm as required by the Florida Constitution. The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and stands repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2019.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 114-0

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