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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill authorizes cities to establish water submetering programs and to issue revenue bonds to fund their capital costs. This will allow billing each unit in an apartment building for its own water use.

Section

- 1** **Definition.** Defines "water submetering" as metering devices in multifamily dwellings that measure water usage and leaks in specific units or areas of the building.
- 2** **Program authority.** Authorizes cities to establish water submetering programs to encourage water conservation and leak detection.
- 3** **Program financing.** Authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds to finance a submetering program. These bonds would be repaid with the charges from water use and loan repayments from building owners for the cost of the metering equipment.
- 4** **Effective date:** Provides the bill is effective the day following final enactment.