

Regarding HB 864 While I support energy efficiency, I take no position on the overall bill.

Proposed amendment: section 7-227 should expressly prohibit any entity, whether the public service commission, a utility provider, or the executive branch, from preventing any ratepayer from opting out of a smart meter, AMR or any type of meter that uses a wireless transmission on their residence. The ratepayer should be able to opt out without any fee or penalty.

Many people have health issues related to wireless EMF exposure and have done all they can to limit or totally negate their radiation exposure while in their homes—which is probably the only remaining place one can seek respite from the constant wireless exposure in cities and more and more now in residential areas. To allow the installation of smart/AMR devices without consent and without the ability to opt out would mean that residents rights to create a home that is free of wireless radiation would be taken away. I would like to see an opt out option, but without an associated fee. Placing a fee on opting out means many people will have an undue burden. Creating a healthy home the way one sees fit should be a right. Don't take that away. If there is no way to opt out and opt out without a fee, utilities will be infringing on the ADA and possibly in violation of other statutes or laws.

Ensure there is clear language about an opt-out option and ensure no fees can be charged to the ratepayers for this option.

Sincerely,

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