



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

# SENATE BILL 429: Utilities/Water and Wastewater Consumption.

2019-2020 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	April 17, 2019
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**OVERVIEW:** Senate Bill 429 authorizes the Utilities Commission (Commission) to adopt, implement, modify, or eliminate a rate adjustment mechanism for regulated water and wastewater utilities to reflect changes in customer usage in a general rate case.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to H529, as introduced by Reps. Arp, Riddell, Conrad, Holley, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

**CURRENT LAW:** The rates for regulated water and wastewater public utilities are fixed by the Commission in a general rate case pursuant to G.S. 62-133.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 429 would allow the Commission to adopt a rate adjustment mechanism to track and true-up variations in customer usage, provided it finds the mechanism in the public interest. This would allow regulated water and wastewater utilities to have their rates adjusted to accurately reflect sales volume of water between general rate cases. The Commission may also modify or eliminate the rate adjustment mechanism in a general rate case.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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