

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

REFORM STORMWATER UTILITY LANGUAGE



BACKGROUND

Investment now saves money in the long-term.

Water infrastructure is a vital part of daily life yet it often goes overlooked. Funding is often hard to find amongst competing priorities. Stormwater utilities are a vital mechanism for funding by municipalities but are constrained by major legislative barriers.



FACTS

More than 75 municipalities will benefit from reform.

- Stormwater utilities allow a municipality to raise funds specifically for stormwater infrastructure.
- Current legislation places high burdens on new stormwater utility formation and puts the have-nots at a disadvantage.
- Stormwater utilities provide additional funding that municipalities can use to mitigate or recover from catastrophic flooding.



SOLUTION

Amend statutory language to lower the barriers for communities to create stormwater utilities.



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