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Sponsor(s): Representative Crouse

Brief Title: Allowing utilities to take actions, such as requiring deposits, to ensure payment.

HB 2551 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares that, prior to furnishing utility services, a city or town may require a deposit to guarantee payment for services. However, failure to require a deposit does not affect the validity of any lien authorized by RCW 35.21.290 or 35.67.200.

Authorizes a city or town to determine how to apply partial payments on past due accounts. In addition, a city or town may provide a landlord with duplicates of tenant utility service bills, or may notify a landlord that a tenant's utility account is delinquent.