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Sponsor(s): Senators Benton, Prentice, Winsley and Kline

Brief Description: Regulating third party utility billings.

SB 6519 - DIGEST

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Declares that the purpose of this act is to prevent landlords, either themselves or through a third party billing agent, from billing tenants for master metered or other unmetered utility services without proper notice and disclosure of billing practices to tenants, and to protect tenants from deceptive or fraudulent billing practices, and to these ends this act shall be liberally construed.

Declares that a landlord shall not bill tenants separately for utility services except as permitted in this act.

Provides that a landlord shall not engage, retain, or authorize, and a landlord is liable for the actions of, a third party billing agent that does not comply with the requirements of this act.