

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1633 provides for the use of water and salt conserving water softening devices in certain defined situations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 366, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 366.013, as follows:

Sec. 366.013. INSTALLATION AND USE OF WATER SOFTENERS AND REVERSE OSMOSIS SYSTEMS. (a) Authorizes an owner to install and use a household water softener that discharges effluent into an on-site sewage disposal system only if the installed water softener meets certain requirements.

(b) Authorizes an owner to install and use a household water softener that does not meet the requirements under Subsection (a) if the calculated volume of effluent does not cause hydraulic overloading or has been adequately addressed in the design of the on-site sewage disposal system.

(c) Authorizes an owner to install and use a point-of-use reverse osmosis system that discharges effluent into an on-site sewage disposal system.

(d) Authorizes an owner to install and use a whole-house reverse osmosis system that discharges effluent into an on-site sewage disposal system if the calculated volume of effluent does not cause hydraulic overloading or has been adequately addressed in the design of the on-site sewage disposal system.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.