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Transfer to PUC

- 2013 83rd Legislature:
 - the Sunset Advisory Commission reaffirmed the recommendation that water and wastewater utility ratemaking functions be transferred to PUC.
 - Subcommittees of the Senate Natural Resources
 Committee and Business and Commerce Committee
 held hearings that established support for ending the
 one-size-fits-all treatment for IOU rate setting.



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Proponents Stated Benefits*

• Ensure fairness by:

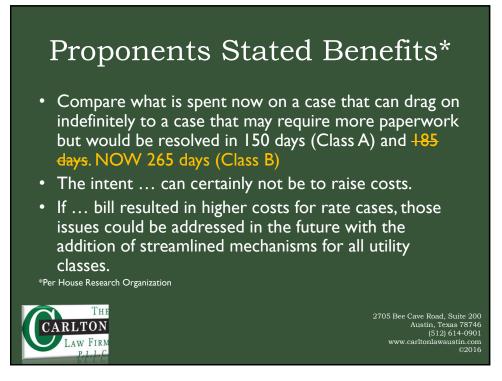
- "Modernizing" the rate setting process;
- Giving Office of Public Utility Counsel standing to intervene and represent residential and small commercial consumers in water rate cases;
- ending the current practice of allowing the utilities to charge proposed rates while the case proceeds through the hearing process;

*Per House Research Organization



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