

HB 692: Public water systems; certain cross connections not required to have backflow preventers.

I have spoken with Charles Chisolm re: this bill. We believe that this bill will create a public health risk. Under this bill the use of backflow preventers becomes optional. Buildings without backflow preventers may contaminate their water supplies by sucking in water that has not been properly treated.

Chisolm shared that DEQ has received a number of call since the announcement of the Water and Sewer Task Force seeking your veto of this bill.

Recommendation: VETO

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