

Say "NO" to Utility Taxes on your water and sewer bills!

The Legislature convened on January 11, 2010, for its 60 day session; and cities and counties are again introducing a bill, House Bill 2749, which gives cities and counties the authority to collect up to a 6% utility tax from special purpose water and sewer districts as a way to help them balance their budgets.

*Call your Senators and Representatives today at **1-800-562-6000**
and voice your **OPPOSITION** to House Bill 2749.*



Soos Creek Water & Sewer District strongly opposes the Utility Tax for the following reasons:

- Water and sewer districts provide basic essential services that are required to live in a home.
- Water and sewer districts, as local governments, rely only on sewer and water rates to provide clean, safe drinking water and reliable sewer service to all of their customers; and would be required to add on any utility tax to their utility billings.
- The utility tax would result in an immediate increase in overall utility bills by up to 6% upon any such legislation becoming effective.
- The utility tax is a regressive tax which would place a greater share of the tax burden on low and moderate-income ratepayers, especially during the current economic recession when they can least afford it.
- The legislation would set a precedent for allowing one local government unit to have the power to tax another local government unit.

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Click on "Bill Search", enter "2749", and click on
original bill.