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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB809

Chairperson: Senator Bruce Bostelman

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: January 19, 2022

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 809 amends the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act and the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Assistance Act to better align the funds with existing federal regulation, and new provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

LB 809 proposes the following changes:

- Allows the Drinking Water (DW) State Revolving Fund Act to buy or refinance the debt obligation of a municipality or public water supply system.
- Increases the allowable amount of grant and loan forgiveness assistance to up to seventy-five percent of eligible project costs for entities serving ten thousand persons or less, the level typically allowed by other federal infrastructure grant programs.
- Adds additional authority for grant and forgiveness assistance for community public water systems to carry out lead and service line removal projects. All grant and forgiveness assistance will be provided concurrent with State Revolving Fund loans.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Moser