

# Legislative Analysis

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## REBUILD MICHIGAN FUND

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**House Bill 5898 (H-1) as passed the House**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Larry Inman**  
**Committee: Appropriations**  
**Complete to 12-13-18**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 5898 would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to rename the current Water Supply Fund as the Rebuild Michigan Fund and establish a Water Assistance Grant Program.

The bill would require Treasury to establish a Water Assistance Grant Program for community supply providers to create or expand affordability programs to assist low-income households with residential water bill payment.

An eligible low-income household would include those with household incomes of not more than 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Under the bill, beginning September 1, 2019, and annually by January 1 for each subsequent year, providers serving 1,000 or more residents would have to annually provide an inventory of the number of residential (single family or multifamily customers) and nonresidential accounts associated with each meter size to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Water Asset Management Council (WAMC).

The bill would take effect 90 days after it is enacted into law.

MCLs 325.1011a, 325.1011d, and proposed 325.1011e

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would not affect costs or revenues for the DEQ. Treasury could realize increased costs through the creation of the Water Assistance Grant Program; the extent of this cost increase is unclear. Local governments that own or operate community water supply providers serving 1,000 or more residents would realize cost increases as a result of the annual meter size reporting requirement included in the bill. The magnitude of these reporting cost increases is likely to vary by local government. The bill would not affect local government revenues.

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