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Senate Gives Initial Approval to Bill Co-Sponsored by Sen. Jane Cunningham to Stop Sewer District from Unfair Billing

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Senate yesterday (4/10) gave first-round approval to a bill co-sponsored by Sen. Jane Cunningham, R-Chesterfield, that would prohibit the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District from charging customers for services they do have access to or receive.

[Senate Bill 172](#) seeks to prevent the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) from charging residential landowners for storm water management services if the district does not provide sanitary sewer service to the landowner's property. The proposed legislation, co-sponsored with Sen. Tim Green, D-Spanish Lake, is in response to concerns and issues regarding the district's billing to residents in several areas of St. Louis County for sewer or storm water services they are not provided.

"Constituents I met going door-to-door last year expressed outrage at being charged for services they have been providing for themselves with their own septic tanks, wells and natural run off and have therefore never been billed for until now." emphasized Senator Cunningham. "SB172 provides fairness for homeowners who need relief from being arbitrarily charged for services they have never received."

Lawmakers have worked diligently with MSD and each other in a bipartisan fashion in order to try to resolve these concerns, which have affected many residents in parts of West St. Louis County

"By passing this legislation, we would be providing a common-sense solution for correcting the unfair billing by MSD to residents without access or benefit of those services," Sen. Cunningham said.

For further information about Senator Jane Cunningham and her legislation, you may visit her Senate website at www.senate.mo.gov/cunningham or contact her Chief of Staff, Lucy LePage, at (573) 751-1186.

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