

Action Alert
Support HB2392/SB2653(Reneau/Taylor)
Tennessee Data Center Impact Review Process

Data Centers are expanding in Tennessee and creating new strains on the environment and their communities. Their large-scale operations require extraordinary amounts of electricity and water and can overwhelm the capacity of local infrastructure. They are often located in places with few zoning regulations. **HB2392/SB2653** would require a prospective data center to get permits from the Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Board overseen by the Tennessee Department of the Environment (TDEC) prior to operation.

Talking points:

- Data centers use large quantities of electricity and water, but are not currently required to submit to a permitting process.
- Data centers are not currently required to develop contingency plans for issues such as drought management or chemical discharges in wastewater.
- Data center energy usage creates new issues of higher energy costs and energy instability that impact the larger community.
- A statewide review process is needed so that data center owners do not select locations which have the least ability to provide necessary oversight.

HB2392 is calendared for House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, 3/18/26. If your representative is on this committee, call or email to tell them how important this bill is to their community. Be sure to identify yourself as a constituent.

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