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**Senate Passes Strong Consumer Protections for Data Centers**

*Creates Guardrails to Shield Consumers from Negative Impacts of Large Load Data Centers*

**Tallahassee**—The Florida Senate today passed Senate Bill (SB) 484, Data Centers, by Senator Bryan Avila (R-Miami Springs). The bill creates strong consumer protections to safeguard Floridians from the negative impacts of large load data centers.

“In numerous states, we have seen the cost of electricity skyrocket when large data centers drive up demand and usage, creating a huge affordability issue for residents. We want to ensure Floridians are protected from these significant financial impacts,” said **Senator Avila**. “This legislation creates important safeguards that will ensure data centers cover their own costs and do not impact utility rates and service for Floridians. Additionally, the bill would make sure dangerous foreign regimes cannot own or control data centers in our state.”

**SB 484 – Guardrails to Protect Consumers from Utility Costs of Large-Scale Data Centers**

SB 484 creates reasonable guardrails to protect Florida consumers from increased utility costs associated with large-scale data centers and other large electricity users.

Specifically, the bill:

- Maintains the authority of local governments to exercise the powers and responsibilities for comprehensive planning and land development regulation for large load customers.
- Requires the Public Service Commission to develop minimum large load tariff requirements for public electric utilities. The tariff requirements must reasonably ensure large load customers pay for their own cost of service, minimize the risk of nonpayment of such costs, and include provisions to prevent a public utility from providing electric service to a foreign entity large load customer.
- Prohibits public electric utilities from knowingly providing service to large load facilities owned or controlled by foreign countries of concern.
- Establishes distinct large-scale data center consumptive use permit (CUP) requirements and application process. The bill also authorizes water management districts or the Department of Environmental Protection to require large-scale data centers to use some portion of reclaimed water as part of a CUP approval.

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