

### Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

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**LRB Number 03-3451/1**      **Introduction Number AB-632**

**Subject**  
 Revisions to DNR and PSC approvals of electric transmission and generation facilities

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**  
 No State Fiscal Effect  
 Indeterminate  
 Increase Existing Appropriations       Increase Existing Revenues       Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  
 Decrease Existing Appropriations       Decrease Existing Revenues       Yes       No  
 Create New Appropriations       Decrease Costs

**Local:**  
 No Local Government Costs  
 Indeterminate

1.  Increase Costs      3.  Increase Revenue  
 Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory  
 2.  Decrease Costs      4.  Decrease Revenue  
 Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected  
 Towns       Village       Cities  
 Counties       Others  
 School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**  
 GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEGS 20.155 (1) (g)

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 632 proposes several procedural changes to enhance coordination between the PSC and the DNR when utilities propose construction of utility facilities.

To streamline the regulatory process the PSC and DNR have signed a Cooperative Agreement and a Memo of Understanding to insure that the review of proposed energy construction projects proceed in a timely and efficient manner that assures that energy needs are met and environmental protection is achieved consistent with each agency's regulatory authority. This bill would in part create the statutory framework to ensure that cooperation is achieved, energy needs are met, and environmental protection maintained.

To implement the plans with DNR the PSC requested and was granted under s.20.001(5) the authority to treat the PSC expenses paid to DNR as a refund of expenditures. This allows the agency to pay DNR and then bill the utilities involved in the cases to replace the expense. This is a temporary authorization by the Department of Administration. The PSC intends to request the appropriate expenditure authority in the next biennial budget process.

The bill has both increase and decreases in staff workload depending on the provision in the bill, but the bill does not appear to have any measurable fiscal impact on the PSC.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None