

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 13-1884/2	Introduction Number AB-0774	Estimate Type Original
Description Procedures for utility projects that require a permit from the Department of Natural Resources		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 774 may increase costs for applicants and for the PSC in reviewing utility construction projects. Under the proposed bill, DNR could only provide to the Commission information related to the statutes that it enforces. If there were environmental concerns or issues not related to a DNR permit, PSC would need to obtain expertise from existing staff or from outside parties, such as intervenors or consultants. Applicants would be charged for the cost of obtaining this information either through intervenor compensation or direct charges from the PSC.

AB 774 maintains certain utility application procedures that apply under current law, which should not affect any of the Commission's procedural processes. However, if the Commission cannot access information from DNR that would have been accessible in the past, the Commission may need to acquire that information from other sources, which could impact Commission review times.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

see assumption above.