

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

Original
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 03-3970/1	Introduction Number SB-377	
Subject Contributions by electric and gas utilities to the utility public benefits fund		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected		
<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected		
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.155 (1) (g)		
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires that any portion of a utility payment approved by the PSC for retention by the utility must be used by the utility for conservation programs for industrial, commercial and agricultural customers in the utility's service area. It is anticipated that three to four utilities may request to retain a portion of their Public Benefit Program funding to participate in this program. To determine the usefulness of the utility proposal the PSC would use the criteria established in rules required under AB 737, or be required to conduct a rule-making under the provisions of this bill. Prior to the creation of the Public Benefits Program the PSC had the equivalent of 7.0 FTE monitoring and working on the programs. Currently, the PSC has .5 FTE. It is impossible to say with any certainty an appropriate number of staff that would be required to be allocated to this activity without first knowing the number of utilities that would opt to participate. It should be noted that when the PSC had 7.0 FTE positions the major public utilities were operating extensive programs that included a residential component, a component that is not included in this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown