

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 07-3249/1	Introduction Number AB-0561	Estimate Type Original
Description The regulation of certain telecommunications utilities and the public service commission's jurisdiction over public utilities in general		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 285 substantially modifies the PSC's jurisdiction in relation to certain telecommunications utilities. In relevant part, it eliminates most annual reporting requirements for affected utilities, requires confidential treatment of the submissions that remain, and provides for phased, full deregulation of rates. It also modifies the PSC's investigatory jurisdiction as to all utilities, not just those associated with the telecommunications industry.

The PSC would not require additional staff as a result of the bill. The long term effect of the bill is hard to predict because the decision to elect deregulation rests with the companies and the PSC does not know how many companies would elect to use the bill provisions and deregulate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

See above.