

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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LRB Number 07-0362/2	Introduction Number AB-0885
Description Strategic energy plans regarding electricity, certificates of public convenience and necessity for electric generation and transmission facilities, approval of electric power purchase contracts, and granting rule-making authority	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue
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5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> Others
<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 would return the Advance Plan proceeding to the Commission and replace the more streamlined Strategic Energy Assessment (SEA) Planning process. The PSC has concluded four proceedings so far under the SEA process. Beginning in 1983, the PSC began the Advance Plan process as passed in s.196.491. This process required the agency to create plans for energy growth over several yearly increments out to 10 years. Because the agency made changes several years ago in its time reporting system, complete figures on the workload of the Advance Plan process no longer exist. However, for 1998, Advance Plan 8 some partial records exist that indicate that staff spent the equivalent of 4.5 FTE on the case six months prior to the finish of the case. Time records for the SEA process do exist. These records indicate that the PSC spent the equivalent of 2 FTE for the first SEA process, slightly under 1 FTE in the second, 1.5 FTE in the third and 1.8 FTE in the fourth process that concluded in Feb. 2007. In addition, the Advance Planning process had significant intervenor compensation requests made by numerous groups, unlike the current SEA process. For example, a past Commission approved \$337,000 for six groups to participate in Advance Plan 7, while to date, one intervenor request of \$36,795 was approved for the fourth SEA.

If this bill became law it is not clear that the PSC would be able to absorb the increased workload at current staffing levels.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unkown