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Fiscal Effect					
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Description						
Trespass and damage to property owned or used by an energy provider and providing a criminal penalty						

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill increases the penalty from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class H felony for intentionally damaging property if it is owned, leased, or operated by an energy provider and the intent was to cause interruption of the provider's goods or services. In addition, trespassing on property that is part of an energy plant or an electric or gas facility, will be treated as a Class H felony.

Prosecutors believe this could have a fiscal impact on their offices because many defendants will request a jury trial if they are facing a felony conviction. Jury trials are very time-consuming. Because there are no data regarding the potential number of violations of this bill, a fiscal estimate is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Prosecutors believe there could be a long-term fiscal impact on their offices; however, due to a lack of data regarding potential violations of this bill, a long-term fiscal estimate is indeterminate.