

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-3845/1	Introduction Number	SB-522	Estimate Type	Original
Description establishing solar field designations and granting rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill creates a voluntary "pollinator friendly" designation for ground-mounted photovoltaic solar energy systems (solar installations). It requires the Public Service Commission to consult with the Department in promulgating rules that would create the requirements for the designation. Various requirements, including those that require solar installation sites to be managed to benefit habitat for pollinators and other wildlife, would be included in the rules.

Fiscal Effect

The Department would allocate staff time to provide rule development support for PSC. The implementation requirements and the staff time necessary for the Department's participation is unknown and, as such, the cost is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications