

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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LRB Number 07-4108/4	Introduction Number SB-544
Description requiring that local regulation of a wind energy system be consistent with Public Service Commission rules 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 type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <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 <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
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Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill will require a rule-making proceeding to be conducted by the PSC in order to set common standards for all state political subdivisions to regulate the construction and operation of wind-powered generation projects. In addition to the rule-making proceeding the PSC would act as appellate authority for any person aggrieved by a political subdivision decision. Any decision by the Commission could be challenged in court. The PSC would absorb the cost of the rule-making process and would be able to absorb costs related to challenges of the local rules by other persons. For purposes of this estimate it is assumed that only a few requests for PSC review would be filed each year.

Under the bill provisions, when the PSC rules are enacted any political subdivision who currently has their own ordinances would need to review them and modify them to be no more restrictive than allowed by the PSC rule. The additional costs to a political subdivision to conduct the review process cannot be determined.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Indeterminate