



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	<b>13-4260/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>AB-0901</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Public Service Commission contracts for studies of energy storage and solar thermal devices					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill 901 requires the Commission to contract for a study to analyze the costs and benefits, as well as the legal and economic barriers, of installation of residential and commercial properties energy storage devices that are managed by public utilities serving the properties. In addition, the bill requires the PSC to contract for a study to analyze the costs and benefits of installing solar thermal devices at such properties. Upon completion of the studies, the PSC must submit reports on the studies to the legislature.

The Commission's unique program revenue structure allows only those costs incurred to be paid for by either direct or remainder assessment. AB 901 does not define if the Commission should direct bill the affected utilities or pay for such a study through the remainder assessment. The staff time associated with this could be absorbed, but executing such a contract, as well the compilation of reports to the legislature would require dedicating ample staff time to such an endeavor.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications