STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number	HB2268		
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled
2.	Patron S	Shuler		

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Notice of proposed location of utility lines.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Notice of proposed location of utility lines. Requires that owners of property within the route of a proposed gas pipeline or electric transmission line of 150 kV or more be sent a notice of the proposed construction by first class mail. The notice requirements for a public utility proposing to build a gas pipeline are conformed in several respects to those for the proposed construction of electric transmission lines. These include (i) requiring that notices include a written description of the proposed route the line is to follow and a map or sketch of the route; (ii) requiring the notice to include the deadline for an interested party to request a hearing from the State Corporation Commission; and (iii) requiring the Commission to hold at least one hearing in the area that would be affected by construction of the pipeline if requested in writing by 20 or more interested parties. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee Studying Eminent Domain Issues.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates on the State Corporation Commission are unavailable, but expected to be minimal. See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications are minimal. This legislation is anticipated to have a minimal impact on the State Corporation Commission. There may be a slight increase in travel costs (due to local hearings), but there should not be a need to increase staff.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission and its Division of Energy Regulation, Office of General Counsel and Office of Hearing Examiners.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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