

## State Corporation Commission 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2053

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Nixon

**3. Committee**    Commerce and Labor

**4. Title**            Underground utility damage prevention; abandoned lines.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Underground utility damage prevention; abandoned lines. Requires an operator to respond to the excavator-operator information exchange system when the operator has knowledge that its abandoned utility lines may be present within the area of a proposed excavation. Such information shall be for informational purposes only, and shall not make the operator liable to any person, or subject to civil penalties, if the information is incorrect.

**6. No Fiscal Impact on the State Corporation Commission**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** None on the State Corporation Commission

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** operators of abandoned utility lines

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** The State Corporation Commission issued a recent report regarding the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act, which is amended by this bill. The report has been printed as a legislative document. Senate Document 4 (2005) contains the report of a special task force studying the operation and effectiveness of § 56-265.17:1 and § 56-265.19 G of the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act.

**Date:** 01/26/05 JH/AB

cc: Secretary of Public Safety