

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1443

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Merricks

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: Streamlined permitting process for alternative and renewable energy facilities

5. Summary: The bill requires the Air Pollution Control Board to develop procedures for the expedited review of applications for the construction of a qualified energy generator. The expedited procedures cap the permit fees at \$50 and require processing of an application to be completed within 60 days. A qualified energy generator is a commercial facility located in the Commonwealth with the capacity annually to generate not more than five megawatts of electricity, or its equivalent in fuel, steam, or other form of energy, that is generated or produced from biomass. The measure does not apply to facilities that are subject to a major new source review program required by the federal Clean Air Act.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: The bill does not have a fiscal impact.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill may require a reprioritization of staff resources at the State Corporation Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality, however, there is expected to be no change in revenue or expenditures.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission, Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources