

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: Commerce and Labor

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

5. Summary: The substitute bill requires the State Corporation Commission and 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 at least one megawatt of electricity, or its equivalent in fuel, steam, or other form of energy, that is generated or produced from solar photovoltaic technology, wind power, or biomass. If the construction or operation of the qualified energy generator is subject to a major new source review then the provisions do not apply.

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