

State Corporation Commission 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1286

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Minchew

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Distributed and renewable generation of electric energy; net energy metering and third party purchase agreements

5. Summary: Distributed and renewable generation of electric energy; net energy metering and third party purchase agreements. Exempts generators that are not organized as a public service company and that provide electric energy from renewable energy to retail customers under certain power purchase agreements from being defined as a public utility or a supplier. The measure authorizes retail customers to purchase electric energy from such generators provided that the renewable energy electricity generation source is located on property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the retail customer or any affiliated person. The net energy metering programs are amended to remove the one percent cap relative to total utility sales for net metered facilities. The State Corporation Commission is directed to establish separate net energy metering programs for eligible multi-meter customer-generators, who are customers that own or operate, or contracts with another person to own or operate, or both, a renewable energy generating facility that uses as its sole energy source solar power, wind power, or aerobic or anaerobic digester gas, does not have an aggregate generation capacity of more than one megawatt, and is used primarily to provide energy to metered accounts of the customer. The measure amends the Commonwealth's energy policy by adding the goals of encouraging private sector distributed renewable energy, increasing security of the electricity grid by supporting distributed renewable energy projects, and augmenting the exercise of private property rights by landowners desiring to generate their own energy from renewable energy sources on their lands.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: This bill is in subcommittee.

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