

State Corporation Commission 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 839

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Wilt

3. Committee: Commerce and Energy

4. Title: Electric utilities; recovery of costs; rate adjustment clause proceedings; construction/facilities.

5. Summary: Provides that in any proceeding regarding petitions for a rate adjustment clause, the State Corporation Commission may, as an alternative to a rate adjustment clause, authorize recovery of any proposed cost through the utility's rates for generation and distribution services, if the Commission, in its discretion, determines that such cost recovery better serves ratepayers while still providing the utility the opportunity to recover its costs and earn a fair rate of return.

Additionally, the bill prohibits the Commission from approving the recovery of costs related to the construction or acquisition of generation facilities powered by sunlight or onshore or offshore wind, or energy storage facilities, that are constructed or acquired by a Phase I or Phase II Utility after July 1, 2022, unless the Commission determines that the construction or acquisition of such facilities is (i) necessary to maintain the reliability or security of electric service to customers or meet the renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) program requirements established in this section and (ii) is the lowest-cost option to maintain the reliability or security of electric service to customers or meet the RPS program requirements.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None