

## State Corporation Commission 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB431

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

**2. Patron:**        Vogel

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:**            **Underground location of transmission lines.**

**5. Summary:** Underground location of transmission lines. Requires a utility seeking State Corporation Commission approval for an extension of an existing electrical transmission line or the construction of a new line to submit to the Commission a plan to install the line underground. Hearings on the application would be held after the Commission has reviewed the plan. The Commission shall condition its approval of an application upon the utility's agreement to install the line underground if underground installation is technologically feasible.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Are potentially significant, but are not quantifiable. See Item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Underground transmission construction typically is significantly more expensive than overhead construction. Accordingly, Senate Bill 431 would significantly increase the cost of new transmission facilities for electric utilities and their ratepayers.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:**

**11. Other Comments:** This bill was passed by indefinitely in the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on January 28, 2008.

**Date:** 1/31/2008    tl

cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade