

## State Corporation Commission 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2451

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

**2. Patron:** Byron

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** State Corporation Commission; discovery.

**5. Summary:** State Corporation Commission; discovery. Provides that staff of the State Corporation Commission shall be treated as a party for purposes of the Commission's rules governing discovery and hearing preparation procedures. The measure applies to matters that involve the Securities Act, the Retail Franchise Act, the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act, or the taxation of public service corporations, or that are initiated by a rule to show cause. This provision does not permit discovery pertaining to settlement negotiations.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Fiscal impact estimates are not available. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would subject the State Corporation Commission staff to discovery in certain types of proceedings. At this time, the fiscal impact is indeterminate, as it is uncertain as to how many proceedings could involve discovery upon Commission staff. While the effect is indeterminate, some fiscal impact could result if, for example, staff is required to respond to discovery while statutory deadlines are pending. Additional staff might have to be procured in order to meet statutory deadlines in certain circumstances.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** No

**Date:** 1/25/11 DD