

State Corporation Commission 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB493

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

2. Patron: Watkins

3. Committee: Senate Floor

4. Title: Utility energy efficiency programs.

5. Summary: tility energy efficiency programs. Provides that an energy efficiency program proposed by an electric utility is in the public interest if, among other things, the net present value of the benefits exceeds the net present value of the costs as determined by the Commission upon consideration of the Total Resource Cost Test, the Utility Cost Test (also referred to as the Program Administrator Test), the Participant Test, and the Ratepayer Impact Measure Test. Such determination shall include an analysis of all four tests, and a program or portfolio of programs shall not be rejected based solely on the results of a single test. Energy efficiency program may be deemed to be in the public interest if it provides measurable and verifiable energy savings to low-income customers or elderly customers. The current standard for what constitutes a cost-effective conservation and energy efficiency program conducted by a natural gas utility is revised to conform to these new provisions for electric utilities. Finally, the measure expands the definition of “energy efficiency program” with regard to electric utilities to include customer engagement programs that result in measurable and verifiable energy savings that lead to efficient use patterns and practices.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 02/07/12 CW