

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB204

<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:** Sullivan

**3. Committee:** Counties, Cities and Towns

**4. Title:** Energy benchmarking; access to data on energy usage in covered buildings.

**5. Summary:** Authorizes a locality to adopt an ordinance requiring utilities, upon request by the owner of a building with a gross floor area of not less than 50,000 square feet (covered building), to provide its owner with combined measured energy usage data for multiple utility accounts of customers receiving service in the covered building. Such benchmarking is mandatory for a covered building with three or more active utility accounts in which no single utility account is greater than or equal to 85 percent of the aggregated energy usage, and it is optional for other covered buildings. The measure provides that the building owner shall only provide aggregated data that is provided to the Energy Star Portfolio Manager subject to guidelines established by the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME). Violations of the ordinance are punishable by a fine of not more than \$250. The measure requires DMME to develop uniform guidelines for benchmarking by December 1, 2018.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy can absorb the administrative costs that may be incurred from drafting the uniform guidelines for benchmarking.

It is anticipated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact to the State Corporation Commission.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy; State Corporation Commission; localities.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.