

State Corporation Commission 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB697

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| 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: Edwards

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Natural gas utilities; right of entry.

5. Summary: Natural gas utilities; right of entry. Limits the circumstances under which the developer of a natural gas pipeline has the right to enter upon property for survey and study purposes. The measure provides that a public service company or public utility incorporated in the Commonwealth and authorized by the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to provide natural gas distribution service may enter upon property to make examinations if the SCC determines that the natural gas pipeline is for a fixed and definite public use. The measure provides that a natural gas pipeline is for a public use if it provides services or products to the public of the Commonwealth. The measure prescribes that a natural gas pipeline that distributes natural gas to persons within the Commonwealth is for a public use and that a pipeline is not for a public use if it (i) distributes natural gas to export facilities or (ii) transports natural gas within or through the Commonwealth and does not distribute natural gas to persons within the Commonwealth. The measure revamps the measure enacted in 2004 that provides to interstate natural gas companies the same limited right of entry for survey and study purposes that is currently granted to intrastate natural gas companies.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.