

## State Corporation Commission 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1225

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Tran

**3. Committee:** Labor and Commerce

**4. Title:** Electric utilities; notice before terminating service.

**5. Summary:** Prohibits an electric utility from terminating the residential service of a customer for nonpayment for metered services when the electric utility believes that the customer is receiving or has received electric utility services for which the customer was not properly billed as the result of tampering with the electric utility's meter until the electric utility has (i) retrieved the meter from the customer's premises, which may be done without providing prior notice to the customer; (ii) immediately replaced it with a new meter; and (iii) tested the suspected meter to determine whether the meter has been tampered with. The measure requires the electric utility to provide the customer with a detailed invoice billing the customer for the amount owed by the customer as a result of the meter's failure. The electric utility is required to provide the customer one full billing period to pay the amount billed in such invoice. The measure authorizes a customer to petition the State Corporation Commission for a review of an electric utility's finding, the results of a test, or the utility's calculation of the amount owed. These requirements do not apply if (a) the condition of a customer's wiring, equipment, or appliances is either unsafe or unsuitable for receiving the utility service; (b) the customer's use of the utility service or equipment interferes with or may be detrimental to the utility's facilities or to the provision of utility service by the utility to any other customer; or (c) electric service is furnished over a line that is not owned or leased by the utility and the line is either not in a safe and suitable condition or is inadequate to receive electric utility service.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None 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:** None

**11. Other Comments:** None

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