

State Corporation Commission 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1225

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

2. Patron: Tran

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

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) determined whether the meter has been tampered with. Within 60 days after a meter tampering determination, the electric utility shall provide evidence of the tampering to the customer. If the electric utility seeks payment for services not properly billed, the electric utility shall provide the customer with a detailed invoice billing the customer for the amount owed and provide the customer one full billing period to pay the amount billed in the invoice before initiating any proceeding against the customer for nonpayment. During the billing period the customer may submit a complaint to the State Corporation Commission. The customer may commence a formal proceeding after the informal complaint process has been exhausted in accordance with Commission regulations.

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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