

State Corporation Commission 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB723

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

2. Patron: Reid

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Underground pipelines and electrical transmission lines; agriculture.

5. Summary: Requires a utility company installing an underground pipeline with an inside diameter greater than 12 inches or an underground electric transmission or distribution line of greater than 115 kV in capacity to mitigate the effects of the project if the project disturbs 10,000 square feet or more of agricultural land. The bill directs the State Corporation Commission to adopt regulations requiring the utility company to remove topsoil from the planned construction site and either redistribute it to graded areas elsewhere on the land of the affected property owner or store it nearby, protected from erosion and compaction, for later redistribution on the disturbed area. If the property owner does not agree with the redistribution or storage of the topsoil, then it shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable law.

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: No

11. Other Comments: No.

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