

State Corporation Commission 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1854

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Subramanyam

3. **Committee:** Commerce and Energy

4. **Title:** State Corporation Commission; offshore wind energy development; report.

5. **Summary:** Requires the State Corporation Commission to submit a report regarding the status of offshore wind energy projects approved by the Commission no later than December 31, 2023, and annually thereafter to certain committees of the General Assembly, the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources, and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade. The bill contains requirements and considerations for the initial report and subsequent annual reports.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 490.

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2024	175,000	N/A	0208 (NGF)
2025	125,000	N/A	0208 (NGF)

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The bill requires the State Corporation Commission to report annually on the economic and environmental costs and benefits of offshore wind energy projects approved by the Commission.

The initial report requires additional economic and cost benefit analysis of ownership structures. The work needed to analyze the economic and environmental topics requires specialized expertise that is outside that of the Commission Staff's. Consultants with expertise in the subject matters are needed to manage the work including stakeholder input and public comment. The environmental consultant and facilitator will be an ongoing expense for the annual report.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** None