

State Corporation Commission 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1083

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Shared solar programs; Phase I Utility; report.

5. Summary: Requires the State Corporation Commission to establish by regulation a shared solar program that allows customers of a Phase I Utility, defined in the bill, to purchase electric power through a subscription in a shared solar facility, defined in the bill as a facility that, among other criteria, generates electricity by means of a solar photovoltaic device with a nameplate capacity that does not exceed 5,000 kilowatts. Under the program, a subscriber receives a bill credit for the proportional output of a shared solar facility attributable to that subscriber. Subscribers are required to pay a minimum bill, established by the Commission, when the bill credit reduces the subscriber's bill below the minimum bill threshold; low-income customers are exempt from the minimum bill. The bill provides that the Commission shall approve a shared solar program of 10 percent of the peak load for customers of a Phase I Utility, and a program facility shall allocate at least 30 percent of its capacity, or savings equivalent, to low-income customers or low-income service organizations.

The bill directs the Department of Energy to convene a stakeholder work group for the purposes of developing incentives for certain shared solar projects and report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Commerce and Energy and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor by November 30, 2023.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: No fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission. Any fiscal impact on the Department of Energy is not yet available.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission, Department of Energy

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None