

State Corporation Commission 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB849

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

2. Patron: Chase

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Public utilities; customer consent to install smart meter.

5. Summary: Prohibits a public utility from installing a smart meter, defined in the bill, on the premises of a customer without first obtaining such customer's consent to such installation. The bill requires a public utility, for any smart meter installed by a public utility prior to July 1, 2023, to provide the customer an opportunity to consent to the previous installation. The bill requires a public utility to offer to remove a smart meter without cost to the customer that was installed without obtaining the customer's consent.

The bill prohibits a public utility from (i) discontinuing service to a customer who does not consent to the installation of a smart meter; (ii) charging a fee, assessment, or higher rate to a customer who does not consent to the installation of a smart meter; or (iii) providing or offering to provide discounted rates to a customer in exchange for obtaining the customer's consent to install a smart meter.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission.

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.