

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 905-01
Bill No.: HB 356
Subject: Public Service Commission; Utilities
Type: Original
Date: February 14, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from **Department of Economic Development - Office of Public Counsel** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development- Public Service Commission (PSC)** assume that passage of this bill would require the Commission to revise its utility billing regulations and could also result in the Commission Staff handling more customer complaints; however, existing staff should be able to absorb the increased workload.

Officials from the PSC noted that the Commission already has a rule regarding adjustments for billing undercharges for residential utility customers - 4 CSR 240-13.025(1)(B). This rule, however, does not specifically apply to sewer utilities. Additionally, a similar rule pertaining to other types of customers does not currently exist.

The cities of Kansas City, Springfield, Fulton and Columbia did not respond to the request for fiscal note. **Oversight** assumes that this proposal would have no fiscal impact on municipally-owned utilities since such utilities have 90 days to correct the billing errors.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

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This proposal allows municipally-owned utilities, investor-owned utilities, and rural electric cooperatives to correct undercharges within 90 days of the issuance of the original bill on which the error was made. If the correction is not billed to the consumer within 90 days, then the consumer is not liable for the difference between the amount originally billed and the amount that should have been billed, and the utility will not send any new billing for the difference. The Public Service Commission is authorized to make rules for the enforcement of the proposal's provisions as they pertain to investor-owned utilities.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development - Office of Public Counsel
Department of Economic Development - Public Service Commission



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