

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

01/28/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2369

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$200,876	\$0	\$110,000	\$0
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$200,876	\$0	\$110,000	\$0

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This bill would bring additional utility companies under the Public Service Commission's jurisdiction for ratemaking and other purposes.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

The expected revenue from tariff filing fees is insufficient to require indication on the fiscal note.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

This bill would bring 11 of 17 rural electric cooperatives under regulation for the first time. These electric cooperatives would be subject to rate regulation, including rate setting, cost of service studies, rate design, tariff filing requirements, tariff suspension, analysis of terms and conditions in tariffs, disconnects, bill payments, deposits, allowable expenses, accounting methods, meter accuracy, meter disputes, cogeneration, fuel adjustments, reliability and resource adequacy, etc. The Commission would be responsible for handling consumer inquiries on these matters, as well. The expenditure impact figures represent 1 additional FTE, plus a second additional FTE or consulting services in the 2003-2005 biennium, plus additional funds for publication of notices and hearing costs.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

An appropriation would be required to fund the expenditures noted above.

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