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SB18-009

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: ALLOW ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO INSTALL ENERGY STORAGE EQUIPMENT

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill directs the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to adopt rules regarding the use of distributed electricity storage systems by customers of Colorado's investor-owned utilities. It will result in a one-time workload increase for PUC staff in FY 2018-19.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This analysis reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill directs the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to adopt rules governing the installation, interconnection, and use of customer-sited distributed electricity storage systems. The bill specifies principles that are to be incorporated into the rules, including:

- the installation and use of customer-sited electricity storage systems is in the public interest;
consumers may install these systems without the burden of unnecessary regulations or discriminatory fees;
utility approval processes for these systems must be simple, streamlined, and affordable; and
utilities may not require customer-sited meters to monitor these systems.

State Expenditures

In FY 2018-19, this bill will result in a one-time workload increase for PUC staff in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to adopt rules concerning the use of customer-sited electricity storage systems. The required rulemaking is limited in scope and can be accomplished within existing appropriations

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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