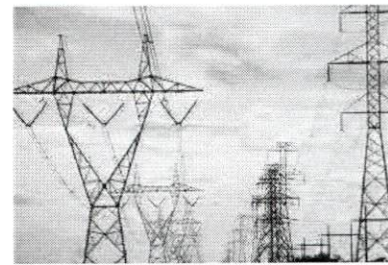
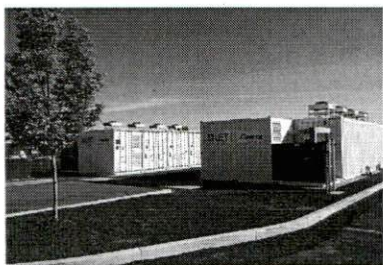


FACT SHEET

Please vote YES on HB 1270

Energy Storage

Sponsors: Hansen, Becker, & Tate



HB 1270 directs the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules promoting energy storage by investor-owned electric utilities.

Background:

Energy storage systems provide opportunities to:

- (a) Reduce costs to ratepayers by avoiding or deferring the need for new generation resources and/or upgrades to transmission and distribution systems;
- (b) Reduce costs incurred for grid support services;
- (c) Support diversification of energy resources; and
- (d) Enhance grid safety and reliability.

Problem:

Energy storage technologies are not fully integrated into or evaluated within existing Public Utilities Commission planning processes.

Solution:

This Bill directs the public utilities commission to adopt rules establishing mechanisms for the procurement of energy storage systems by investor-owned electric utilities, based on an analysis of costs and benefits as well as factors such as grid reliability and a reduction in the need for additional peak generation or transmission capacity. If the commission finds the benefits outweigh the costs, the commission shall adopt rules requiring electric utilities to provide appropriate data and specify interconnection points to evaluate projects within the future planning processes.

Please Support HB 1270

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