

FISCAL NOTE
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Amendment to: Engrossed
SB 2411

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.*

	2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

Bill lowers the threshold for Public Service Commission siting jurisdiction over energy conversion facilities. Engrossed bill lowers the threshold from 100 MW to 25 MW.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

We assume two additional siting applications per biennium if the threshold is lowered. Fees for siting applications vary with the size of the investment, up to a maximum of \$100,000. Fees are used to pay expenses and any remaining amount is refunded to the applicant. We estimate expenses of \$3000 to \$4000 per application, if processed by Commission staff. This is the basis for the revenue and expenditure estimates of \$7,500 per beinnium. The Commission has a continuing appropriation to use the siting application fee to pay expenses of processing that application, so no appropriation authority is necessary.

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.*

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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.*

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C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a*

continuing appropriation.

None

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