

SB 329

Relating to fees imposed by the Public Utility Commission

SB 329 increases the annual fee imposed on public utilities and telecommunications providers from the current maximum of one-quarter of one percent of a utility's gross operating revenues to a maximum of three-tenths of one percent. The proposed fee increase will raise the average cost per residential customer by three cents per month. The fee was last raised eighteen years ago.

This fee increase is estimated to raise \$5.2 million over the upcoming biennium, and is required to maintain cash flow for the PUC's operations at the current level of service.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 329 be reported out do pass.