

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 978 - 2**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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**Measure Description:**

Prohibits electric company from including in its rates cost of electric generation resource or energy storage resource that is capable of generating electricity or storing electricity for not less than five years and has generating or storage capacity of 50 megawatts or more unless electric company must acquire resource to maintain reliability of electrical company's electrical system.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Public Utility Commission (PUC)

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<b>2017-19 Biennium</b>	<b>2019-21 Biennium</b>
Other Funds	150,260	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$150,260</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Positions	1	
FTE	0.63	

**Analysis:**

SB 978-2 requires the PUC to investigate regulatory and economic incentives related to electric companies, possible ways to protect retail electricity consumers against wholesale and retail market abuses, diverse ownership of electric generation resources, and other aspects of the electric utility market. The bill requires the PUC to submit a report on its findings no later than September 15, 2018.

The PUC has indicated that the bill would require the addition of one limited duration position (0.63 FTE), classified as a Utility and Energy Analyst 3 to complete the work by the prescribed deadline. Personal Services costs are estimated to be \$126,810 for the 2017-19 biennium. Services and Supplies costs are estimated to be \$23,450 for the 2017-19 biennium. The proposed new position will be funded by existing resources through the PUC's Gross Operating Fee.