

## **HB 3343 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Energy and Environment**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the State Department of Energy, in consultation with the Environmental Quality Commission and other interested agencies, to develop a climate test to be used by state permitting agencies for evaluating applications for proposed fossil fuel infrastructure projects in this state. Requires the climate test, at a minimum, to 1) incorporate data from existing climate models, 2) specify standards and protocols using climate science to assess direct and indirect environmental impacts of a proposed project, 3) provide standards to evaluate and measure life cycle greenhouse gas emissions of a proposed project, 4) evaluate alternatives, and 5) compare the added economic value of a project to any adverse environmental impacts. Defines terms.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Replaces bill. Directs State Department of Energy (ODOE), in consultation with state permitting agencies and federal agencies, to develop a climate test for proposed fossil fuel infrastructure projects and administer such a test on the behalf of state permitting agencies. Authorizes ODOE to establish fees. Establishes purpose of test to include 1) comparing the economic viability of a proposed project against investments required to have at least a 66 percent chance of limiting global mean temperature rise to two degrees Celsius by 2100, 2) ensuring energy decisions are guided by the best available climate science, 3) minimizing potential adverse impacts on environment and public health, 4) incorporating data from existing climate change models, 5) specifying standards and protocols using climate science to assess the direct and indirect environmental impacts of a proposed project, 6) provide standards to evaluate and measure life cycle greenhouse gas emissions of a proposed project, 7) compares costs and benefits of proposed project with alternatives to include not building the projects, 8) considering disproportionate impacts experienced by minority and low-income communities, 9) considering potential impacts on Indian tribes. Requires state permitting agency to provide notice both to ODOE and applicant regarding applicability of climate test to a proposed project. Requires permitting agency deny any application where climate test reveals greater adverse impacts that economic benefits of proposed project. Applies to applications received on or after effective date of Act.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

House Bill 3343 directs the State Department of Energy, in consultation with the Environmental Quality Commission and other interested agencies, to develop a climate test to be used by state permitting agencies for evaluating applications for proposed fossil fuel infrastructure projects in this state.