

SB 978 B BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Johnson

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 06/29/17

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Senate Vote

Yeas: 12 - DeBoer, Devlin, Frederick, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Manning Jr, Monroe, Roblan, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

House Vote

Yeas: 11 - Gomberg, Holvey, Huffman, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Smith G, Smith Warner, Stark, Whisnant, Williamson

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**Public Utility Commission
2017-19**

Budget Summary

| | 2015-17 Legislatively Approved Budget | 2017-19 Current Service Level | 2017-19 Committee Recommendation | Committee Change from 2015-17 Leg. Approved | |
|---------------------|--|--|---|--|-----------------|
| | | | | \$ Change | % Change |
| Other Funds Limited | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 166,400 | 166,400 | 100.0% |
| Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 166,400 | \$ 166,400 | 100.0% |

Position Summary

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|--|
| Authorized Positions | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.63 | 0.63 | |

Summary of Revenue Changes

Senate Bill 978 requires the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to establish a public process for investigating how industry trends, technologies and policy drivers in the electricity sector, might impact the existing regulatory system and incentives currently employed by the commission. In addition, the commission is directed to explore changes to the existing regulatory system, incentives supporting developing industry trends and new policy objections without compromising affordable utility rates, safety and/or reliable service. The measure requires a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy and business by PUC. The commission is required to report its findings no later than September 15, 2018.

Summary of Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee Action

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee approved an increase in Other Funds expenditure limitation for PUC of \$166,400. The increase in Other Funds limitation is for the establishment of one limited duration Utility and Energy Analyst 3 position for the 2017-19 biennium.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Public Utility Commission
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| DESCRIPTION | GENERAL FUND | LOTTERY FUNDS | OTHER FUNDS | | FEDERAL FUNDS | | TOTAL ALL FUNDS | POS | FTE |
|--|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----|------|
| | | | LIMITED | NONLIMITED | LIMITED | NONLIMITED | | | |
| <u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS (from CSL)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| SCR 001 -Utility Regulation | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 142,950 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 142,950 | 1 | 0.63 |
| Services and Supplies | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 23,450 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 23,450 | | |
| TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 166,400 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 166,400 | 1 | 0.63 |
| SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 166,400 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 166,400 | 1 | 0.63 |