

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 68

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Measure Description:

Increases annual fee imposed on public utilities and telecommunications providers for purpose of defraying costs of Public Utility Commission.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Public Utility Commission (PUC)

Summary of Revenue Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
Other Funds	\$9,076,967	\$9,365,997
Total Funds	\$9,076,967	\$9,365,997

Analysis:

The measure would increase the annual utility assessment charged by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to public utilities and telecommunications providers. The maximum assessment for public utilities would rise from .0030 to .0045, while the maximum assessment for telecommunications providers would rise from .0030 to .0035. The measure could thus increase the PUC’s revenue in future biennia, though the amount of the increase would depend on how much the PUC assesses towards the new higher maximum. The measure would not, however, increase expenditures. This fee increase is included in the agency’s budget request to the Legislative Assembly, per Policy Option Package 101.

The measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the PUC.