

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5534

Public Utility Commission

SB 5534 is the budget bill for the Public Utility Commission. The PUC is supported almost entirely by fees assessed on investor-owned energy and water utilities, and telecommunications providers. The agency receives a small amount of federal funds.

The Subcommittee approved an all funds budget of \$104,933,381 – an increase of 1.9% compared to the current biennium. It adds money to cover the agency's attorney general costs and adds 3 positions (2.00 FTE) to address increased regulatory workload. Also included in this budget is \$810,446 dollars and 2 positions (2.00 FTE) for the Board of Maritime Pilots.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 5534 be amended by the –3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.