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To:	Natural Resources Subcommittee
From:	Twais Broadus, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date:	June 11, 2025
Subject:	HB 2065 – Relating to the interconnection process Work Session Recommendations

HB 2065 establishes a framework for interconnecting microgrids and community microgrids with the transmission or distribution systems of public utilities regulated by the Public Utility Commission (PUC). The measure allows applicants to choose whether interconnection studies are conducted by the utility or a qualified third-party consultant. Utilities must provide relevant technical data to support these studies, respond to preliminary designs within 30 days, and issue decisions on qualified applications within 90 days. Utilities may only deny applications based on safety, reliability, or compliance with published standards. PUC will adopt rules to establish a regulatory framework for third-party interconnection studies, including utility review procedures, cost recovery, and timelines for evaluating applications.

Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –A4 amendment, which provides the Public Utility Commission with Other Funds expenditure limitation to implement the provisions of the measure.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A4 amendment to HB 2065. (vote)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2065, as amended by the –A4 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2065, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (vote)

Carriers

