HB 2066 A   BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Public Utility Commission
2025-27

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

Budget Summary*

	2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget[1]	2025-27 Current Service Level	2025-27 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2023-25 Leg. Approved	
				$ Change	% Change
Other Funds Limited	$ -	$ -	$ 410,136	$ 410,136	100.0%
Total	$ -	$ -	$ 410,136	$ 410,136	100.0%

Position Summary

Public Utility Commission

Authorized Positions	0	0	1	1
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.88	0.88

[1] Includes adjustments through January 2025

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 2066 increases Other Funds expenditure limitation by $410,136 for the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for the 2025-27 biennium for the development of a regulatory framework for the ownership, deployment, and operation of microgrids and community microgrids. These costs will be supported by the PUC's annual fee on the revenues of regulated electric, gas, telecommunications, and water/wastewater utilities.

Summary of Natural Resources Subcommittee Action

House Bill 2066 directs PUC to complete an investigation and establish a regulatory framework for the ownership, deployment, and operation of microgrids and community microgrids. This work includes developing interconnection, safety, and performance standards; creating an accessible application and approval process; and designing a compensation and cost allocation framework that accounts for the full range of services provided by microgrids, such as resilience, avoided utility costs, and reliability benefits. The framework must also include methodologies for valuing lost load during public safety power shutoffs, incorporating front-of-meter resources, and enabling cost recovery for shared community energy resilience infrastructure.

This measure increases PUC's Other Funds expenditure limitation by $260,136 for one permanent, full-time Utility and Energy Analyst 3 position (0.88 FTE) and position related services and supplies to contribute to the work required by the measure. A one-time Other Funds expenditure limitation increase of $150,000 for the 2025-27 biennium is also included for external consultation services to support development of the compensation methodology, stakeholder engagement, and regulatory review.

The measure also requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to adopt rules to support building integration with community microgrids through the state building code. There is a minimal fiscal impact to DCBS.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
Public Utility Commission									
SCR 001 - Utility Regulation									
Personal Services	$ -	$ -	$ 252,853	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 252,853	1	0.88
Services and Supplies	$ -	$ -	$ 157,283	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 157,283		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	$ -	$ -	$ 410,136	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 410,136	1	0.88
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	$ -	$ -	$ 410,136	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 410,136	1	0.88

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures