SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2065

Relating to the interconnection process

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Natural Resources Subcommittee

Carrier: Senator Frederick

HB 2065 establishes a process for interconnecting microgrids with utility systems regulated by the Public Utility Commission.

When an interconnection study is required, it may be conducted by the utility or a qualified third-party consultant. Utilities must provide technical data, respond to preliminary designs within 30 days, and issue decisions on compliant applications within 90 days. Denials are limited to concerns related to safety, reliability, or noncompliance with published standards. The Commission must adopt rules governing third-party studies, utility review procedures, cost recovery, and application timelines.

The amendment increases the Public Utility Commission's Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$335,136 for implementation costs.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2065 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.