SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2066

Relating to microgrids

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
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From: Natural Resources Subcommittee

Carrier: Representative Owens

HB 2066 directs the Public Utility Commission to develop a regulatory framework for the ownership and operation of microgrids.

The framework must address interconnection, safety, performance, compensation, and coordination with utilities, and recognize the resilience value of these systems. The bill also allows local governments to establish "microgrid zones" and directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt building code rules for integration.

The amendment defines the role of microgrid operators, aligns provisions with existing laws, allows emergency operation, and prohibits operators from controlling utility infrastructure and increases the Commission's spending authority by \$410,136 for implementation.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2066 be amended by the –A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.