

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 688

Relating to performance-based regulation of electric utilities

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

SB 688 authorizes the Public Utility Commission to implement performance-based regulation for electric companies, using incentives or penalties to align utility performance with goals like emissions reduction, reliability, affordability, and support for low-income customers. The framework must include measurable metrics and consider rate impacts.

The amendment provides \$974,013 Other Funds to the Public Utility Commission for one position and consulting services to support the public investigation, development, and implementation of the performance-based ratemaking framework. Funding comes from annual fees on regulated utilities.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 688 be amended by the –A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.