



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 146

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 353

Senate, March 28, 2006

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. FONFARA of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR MEMBERSHIP.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Office of Consumer Counsel
2 shall, in consultation with the legal counsel representing the state and
3 with opportunity for public comment, develop a detailed analysis to
4 require electric distribution companies within the state to withdraw
5 from participation in the system of any independent system operator.
6 In its plan, the Office of Consumer Counsel shall describe, in detail, the
7 process for such withdrawal, which process may commence on or after
8 October 1, 2007, the costs and benefits regarding such withdrawal and
9 a proposal for an alternative system for overseeing the day-to-day
10 reliable operation of the state's bulk power generation and
11 transmission system, for overseeing and administering the state's
12 wholesale electricity markets, and for managing comprehensive,
13 regional planning processes. The plan shall also contain any
14 recommendations for legislation to facilitate the implementation of the

15 plan. Not later than January 1, 2007, the Office of Consumer Counsel
16 shall submit the plan to the joint standing committee of the General
17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy in
18 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Consumer Counsel	CC&PUCF - Cost	Potential Minimal	None

Note: CC&PUCF=Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), in consultation with the state’s legal counsel, to develop a process and analysis of a plan which would require electric distribution companies within the state to withdraw from participation in the system of any independent system operator. The bill also requires OCC to submit the plan to members of the Energy Committee by January 1, 2007. Depending on the extent of the analysis, OCC may decide to hire a consultant to assist with the study. It is possible that OCC could expend up to \$25,000 for the study.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact in the out years.

OLR BILL ANALYSIS

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 2 (03/14/2006)