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sHB-5507

AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY AND COURT
PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill alters procedures in the Sitting Council's review process to increase municipal participation, include additional considerations, and increase existing reporting requirements for Sitting Council approval resulting in no direct fiscal impact to the state and potential revenue gain for some municipalities.

The bill increases existing grants distributed from the municipal participation account within the General fund from \$25,000 to \$75,000 for municipalities to offset some participation costs. The bill also increases the cost of the municipal participation fee for certain applicants from \$25,000 to \$75,000 with any unused funding returned to the applicant upon completion of the Sitting Council process. This results in potential revenue to some municipalities to the extent that the additional funding offsets current participation costs.

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Ratepayer Impact Statement¹

The bill creates a variety of new requirements for certain applicants to receive Sitting Council approval concerning, land acquisition, easements, municipal participation, and electric load and system performance and results in a potential rate increase. Additional reporting and survey requirements may result in a cost to electric distribution companies that would be passed onto ratepayers through the rate recovery process. The actual impact would depend on the additional recoverable costs incurred.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the number of proceedings that are required.

¹ The state and municipalities are ratepayers and therefore may be impacted by policy changes that affect electric rates.