

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB808</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Enrolled</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Please see previous summary of this measure</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 808 requires the owner of a wind energy facility to submit to the Corporation Commission evidence of financial security, in an amount sufficient to cover costs of decommissioning. For any facility reaching its commercial generation date before December 31, 2016, this evidence is required to be submitted after it has been in operation for 15 years. After that date, it must be submitted by the fifth year of operation. The financial security must be accompanied by an estimate of the total cost of decommissioning, prepared by a licensed engineer, and must be 125% of that estimate.

The measure also includes setback requirements for new wind energy facilities. The base of any tower must be no closer than one and one-half miles from a public-use, private-use, or municipal airport, a public school, or a hospital.

Finally, the bill includes notice requirements for new wind energy facility construction. Notification of intent to build must be submitted to the Corporation Commission, published in a general circulation newspaper in the county or counties, and a public meeting. No construction could begin until all of these notification requirements are met.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Upon review of the measure, it has been determined to have no measureable revenue or fiscal considerations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.