

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

The CS for SB 1239 directs utility companies regulated by the Corporation Commission to follow weather systems for the purpose of winter storm prediction. If a severe winter storm is predicted and a warning, as defined by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, is issued, the measure directs such companies to ensure that any natural gas or coal generators are cycling properly and that the fuel source is thawed and winterized. Additionally, utility companies are directed to place the generators online at least 5 days prior to the predicted arrival of the storm. Power generated by natural gas or coal generators in preparation of a predicted storm shall be placed in an applicable power pool in place of any renewable source of electricity until the winter storm passes. The measure prohibits utility companies from charging customers more than the costs incurred by the utility entity for the contracted price of fuel.

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