

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 60th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB3453 |
| Version: | POLREC |
| Request Number: | 16607 |
| Author: | Rep. Staires |
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| Impact: | \$0 |

Research Analysis

Pending

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Fiscal Analysis

The POLREC to HB3453 establishes standards for judicial review of eminent domain proceedings, including requirements for de novo judicial review of public use and necessity determinations and strict construction of eminent domain statutes in favor of property owners. The measure also provides for the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and expert witness fees to prevailing property owners in certain circumstances. While the measure may result in additional court proceedings and potential fee awards, these costs would be borne by the condemning authorities (which may include local governments, utilities, or other entities) rather than the state. Therefore, in its current form, this measure is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.