BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.: SB352 Version: Engrossed

Request Number:

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Impact: \$1,100,000 in Recurring Costs
\$60,000 in One-Time Costs

Research Analysis

SB 352 requires any company seeking to use eminent domain for the construction of a 300kV transmission line to first obtain a Certificate of Authority from the Corporation Commission. The measure also clarifies that utilities using natural gas have the power of eminent domain. Lastly, the measure prohibits the use of eminent domain for siting renewable energy facilities on private property.

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Fiscal Analysis

Engrossed SB 352 requires certain electric transmission facilities to obtain a certificate of authority from the Corporation Commission prior to seeking to exercise the right of eminent domain. The Corporation Commission has estimated the need to hire six (6) additional FTE in their Public Utility Division (PUD) as well as the potential need to hire an expert witness or outside consultant. The annual fiscal impact of this measure is estimated to total One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000).

Additionally, the Corporation Commission estimates a one-time fiscal impact of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) towards rule promulgation and software purchases. Therefore, the total fiscal impact of this measure on FY-26 budgetary resources is One Million One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$1,160,000).

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Other Considerations

None.

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