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Research Analysis

The committee substitute for SB 713 requires new wind energy facilities to seek the FAA and FCC's approval to install light-mitigating technology prior to operation. If approved, the facility must install such technology within 24 months of approval.

Any commercial wind facility currently in operation must seek the FAA and FCC's approval to install light mitigating technology upon the repowering of a facility or renewal of a new power offtake agreement. The technology must be installed within 24 months of approval.

A county can issue revenue bonds to purchase light mitigating technology for existing windmills that do not currently have it. The installation and maintenance of the technology must be paid for by the operator of any such windmills.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 713 establishes requirements for light-mitigating technology for both future and existing wind energy facilities. The measure requires the Corporation Commission to enforce the provisions and promulgate rules regarding these light-mitigating technology requirements. The Corporation Commission has estimated a one-time fiscal impact of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to promulgate rulemaking regarding this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.