

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB915</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Corp. Comm.- \$128,000</b> <b>CLO- See Analysis Below</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 915 requires commercial solar facilities that are located on land leased by the Commissioners of the Land Office (CLO) to be:

- Installed on permanent grass suitable for livestock grazing;
- At least six feet high from the lowest point of the solar panel;
- At least 25 feet between rows;
- At least 300 feet away from a residential dwelling;
- Promote optimal runoff flow; and
- Liable for all soil erosion where the panels are installed.

Any lease agreement offered to a landowner by a solar energy facility must meet the same requirements, unless waived by the landowner.

Lastly, the CLO must make payments to appropriate county treasurers, in lieu of paying ad valorem taxes, for property containing commercial solar facilities.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Engrossed SB 915 establishes guidelines for commercial solar energy facilities constructed on land owned and leased by the Commissioners of the Land Office (CLO).

The CLO has identified potential solar facility leases that may be at risk of cancellation as a result of these guidelines. CLO has estimated the following losses in distributions to the agency's beneficiaries as a result of the potential cancellations:

**K-12 Schools:** Up to \$1,086,000 in FY-26

**Higher Education:** Up to \$285,000 in FY-26

**State Agencies:** Up to \$546,000 in FY-26

The measure also requires the CLO to make payments, in lieu of ad valorem taxes, with respect to property that contains a commercial solar energy facility. The CLO currently cannot estimate the fiscal impact to distributions made to the agency's beneficiaries; therefore, this section of the measure has an unknown fiscal impact at this time.

This measure directs the Corporation Commission to enforce the provisions and promulgate rules regarding these commercial solar energy facility requirements. The Corporation Commission estimates the total recurring fiscal impact of this measure to be One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) along with a one-time fiscal impact of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to promulgate rules.

At this time, the total fiscal impact of this measure on FY-26 budgetary resources is One Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$128,000).

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**Other Considerations**

None.