

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB915</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Corp. Comm.- \$128,000</b> <b>CLO- Minimal</b>

**Research Analysis**

The Floor Substitute for SB 915 requires any future commercial solar facilities that are located on land leased by the Commissioners of the Land Office to be:

- Installed on permanent grass suitable for livestock grazing and allow for the grazing of livestock;
- At least six feet high from the lowest point of the solar panel;
- At least 25 feet between rows;
- At least 500 feet away from an occupied residence, unless waived in writing by the residence owner;
- 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. However, the landowner may waive them.

The measure clarifies that the landowner nor the livestock owner are liable for damages to the solar facility.

Lastly, the commercial solar facility owners are required to pay ad valorem taxes and any other assessments on improvements to the facilities to the appropriate county treasurer by December 31 of each year.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE SUB AND THE FLOOR SUB**

The Floor sub clarifies that the livestock owner shall not be liable for damage to the solar facility. It also clarifies that the measure does not apply to solar facilities that currently have a lease with the CLO.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The floor amendment to SB 915 establishes guidelines for future commercial solar energy facilities constructed on land owned and leased by the Commissioners of the Land Office (CLO). The measure requires the owner of the commercial solar energy facility to pay ad valorem taxes on improvements made to the land. Per the CLO, there is no immediate fiscal impact to current

beneficiaries of solar lease agreements, but the future impact of this measure is undeterminable at this time. Overall, this measure would have a minimal fiscal impact to the agency.

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.

As written, 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.