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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 48 (Chairman, Finance Committee)
(Departmental – Public Service Commission)

Finance

Environmental Matters

Public Service Commission - Meter Testing and Fees

This departmental bill repeals the requirement that the Public Service Commission (PSC) maintain electric meter testing equipment.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Private laboratories currently conduct all meter testing.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: The PSC is required to maintain equipment to calibrate master standard watt-hour meters used by public service companies furnishing electricity.

Background: PSC equipment has not been used in several years. Public service companies now obtain their testing services from one of the private sector laboratories in the market.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross-File: None.

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