

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF LAND USE ISSUES ADDRESSED BY LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES FROM THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S PROPER SCOPE OF REVIEW WITH RESPECT TO APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR TRANSMISSION LINES.

Summary of Legislation

This bill specifies that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC), when determining whether to grant a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for the siting of proposed electric transmission lines or associated facilities, should not consider local land use issues. Issues such as the location or alignment of the proposed lines or facilities are to be addressed through a local government's land use regulations. The bill becomes effective upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

Assessment

This bill clarifies the scope of the PUC's jurisdiction in CPCN proceedings for the construction or extension of electric transmission lines or associated facilities. While such clarification won't prevent future interventions in the proceedings, it will help to refine the scope of the issues that may be considered at the proceedings. Thus, because the bill does not result in additional or extended hearings or additional workload for PUC staff, it is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Regulatory Agencies