



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*

**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Solano

**Bill Status:** House Transportation & Energy

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING INTEGRATED PLANNING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DIRECTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO COLLECT INFORMATION FROM OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

### **Summary of Legislation**

This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to investigate and report to the legislature on transmission planning by electric utilities in Colorado. The report must address adequacy, interstate coordination, the need for future legislative action, and other issues identified by stakeholders and other government agencies. The bill directs the PUC to rely on existing plans instead of requiring new plans.

A progress report is due by November 1, 2009, and a final report is due by July 1, 2010. The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor.

### **Assessment**

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. It codifies in state law a study already underway by the PUC and will not affect state or local government revenue or expenditures.

### **Departments Contacted**

Regulatory Agencies