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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Fenberg; Priola Rep. Winter	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: ALLOW ELEC UTIL CUST INSTALL ENERGY STORAGE EQUIP EQUIPMENT

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill directs the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to adopt rules regarding the use of distributed energy storage systems by customers of Colorado's investor-owned utilities. It will result in a one-time workload increase for PUC staff in FY 2018-19.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This analysis reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill directs the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to adopt rules governing the installation, interconnection, and use of customer-sited distributed energy storage systems. The bill defines energy storage system and specifies principles that are to be incorporated into the rules, including that:

- the installation and use of customer-sited energy storage systems is in the public interest;
- consumers may install these systems without the burden of unnecessary regulations or discriminatory fees;
- utility approval processes for these systems must be simple, streamlined, and affordable; and
- utilities may not require customer-sited meters to monitor these systems, except as authorized by the PUC in certain circumstances.

State Expenditures

In FY 2018-19, this bill will result in a one-time workload increase for PUC staff in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to adopt rules concerning customer-sited energy storage systems. The rulemaking scope is limited and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 22, 2018, and takes effect August 8, 2018, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology

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