

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Introduced on January 10, 2023 **Bill Number:** S. 0156

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Subject: **Public Utility Services** Senate Judiciary Requestor:

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Impact Date: March 21, 2024

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill prohibits natural gas and electric public utilities from disclosing customer information to third parties without the express consent of the customer.

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the Public Service Commission (PSC), the Office or Regulatory Staff (ORS), or the Public Service Authority (PSA) because each agency can manage the provisions of the bill within the normal course of business.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 10, 2023 State Expenditure

This bill prohibits natural gas and electric public utilities from disclosing customer information to third parties without the express consent of the customer.

PSC, ORS, and PSA indicate that the bill will have no fiscal impact because they can manage the additional requirements within the normal course of business. PSC further reports that Commission Regulation 103-823.2 on the protection of customer data and the prohibition of sharing or selling customer data to third parties became effective on May 28, 2021.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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