



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
 (803)734-0640 • RFA.SC.GOV/IMPACTS

Bill Number: H. 4304 Amended by the House of Representatives on April 3, 2018
Author: Duckworth
Subject: Offshore Wind Resources Provisions
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Wren
Impact Date: April 23, 2018

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$165,000	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	2.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill is expected to increase Other Funds expenditures of the Public Service Commission (PSC) by \$165,000 in FY 2018-19 and \$146,000 each year thereafter. This amount includes recurring expenditures of \$146,000 in FY 2018-19 for 2 FTEs, IT equipment rentals, office supplies, training, and professional development. Nonrecurring expenses of PSC are expected to total \$19,000 for IT equipment purchases, office furniture, and office renovations in FY 2018-19.

This bill does not operationally or fiscally impact the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) and will have no expenditure impact on Other Funds of the agency. Since ORS operates solely on Other Funds, the bill will have no impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Amended by the House of Representatives on April 3, 2018

State Expenditure

This bill allows the Public Service Commission (PSC) to adopt procedures that encourage electrical utilities to invest in offshore wind resource development activities if the procedures would be in the best interest of ratepayers of this state. The bill also identifies the activities that may be undertaken by an electrical utility relating to offshore wind resource development. PSC must not approve an application that comprises a portion of the military training areas bordering South Carolina or Georgia without the prior written concurrence of the applicable federal, state, and local authority. Additionally, a structure installed to accomplish the purposes of this bill must not be visible by the human eye from land. The bill takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Public Service Commission (PSC). PSC indicates that this bill is expected to increase Other Funds expenses by \$165,000 in FY 2018-19 and \$146,000 each year thereafter. Of this amount, recurring expenses of \$135,000 is for 2 FTEs, including an engineer and a rate analyst, and \$11,000 is for IT equipment rentals, office supplies, training, and professional development. Nonrecurring expenses are expected to total \$19,000 for IT equipment purchases, office furniture, and office renovations in FY 2018-19.

Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS). ORS indicates that this bill does not operationally or fiscally impact the agency. Therefore, the bill will have no expenditure impact on Other Funds. Since ORS operates solely on Other Funds, the bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds either.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director