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H.P. 44 - L.D. 69

Resolve, to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Consider Methods to Educate Customers About Electricity Supply

Sec. 1. Public Utilities Commission; information on cost components of supply. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall issue a request to competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers for the following information:

1. Whether it is feasible for competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers to supply transmission and distribution utilities with a cost in cents per kilowatt-hour for each power source used by each provider to serve the provider's load to be included by the transmission and distribution utilities on residential and small nonresidential consumer disclosure labels;
2. If it is feasible, how useful is the information under subsection 1 to residential and small nonresidential consumers in understanding their electric supply costs and what are the estimated costs to competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers for supplying the information;
3. If it is not feasible, what are the barriers to providing the information under subsection 1 to transmission and distribution utilities and what information is available to competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers that may be provided to assist consumers in understanding their electric supply costs; and
4. Whether it is feasible for competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers to calculate the levelized cost of electricity for each power source used by each provider to serve the provider's load and, if not, what data elements would be needed in order to calculate the levelized costs. For the purposes of this subsection, "levelized cost of electricity" means a measurement of the cost of building and operating a source of electrical generation over an assumed lifetime.

Sec. 2. Electric consumer education. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall consider methods the commission could undertake to better educate electric consumers on their electric energy supply and the reasons for fluctuations in the price for that supply.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, by February 10, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes the information gathered under section 1 and what methods the commission considered under section 2, along with any recommendations. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 131st Legislature in 2024.