

**FISCAL NOTE**

The fiscal impact, in the form of increased utility assessment revenues, is indeterminable.

This bill allows the Public Service Commission (PSC) to apply an additional utility assessment not to exceed two-thousandths (.002) against those persons defined as public utilities in W.S. 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C),(D) or (G), but not cooperative utilities exempt from retail rate regulation.

Under current law, the PSC may assess up to three-thousandths (.003) on gross intrastate utility revenues, producing a maximum of \$4,532,115. (\$605,387 less than the PSC's current annual budget.)

Under this bill, the PSC may apply an additional assessment not to exceed two-thousandths (.002) to produce a maximum of \$6,840,512, an increase of \$2,308,397. The actual increase in revenue generated depends on the amount of the budget approved by the Legislature, as the actual assessment is calculated to produce only the revenue necessary to fund the PSC's approved budget.

In order to fund the PSC's FY 2022 budget at the current annual level, assuming an estimated 10% reduction in utility revenue, this bill would allow the current .003 assessment on all gross intrastate utility revenues, and an additional .0005245 assessment on the revenues of investor-owned gas and electric utilities, rate regulated cooperatives and intrastate pipeline utilities. This additional .0005245 assessment would produce the additional \$605,387 necessary to fund the PSC's 2022 budget at the current level of \$5,137,502.

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