

SB 1007 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the State Department of Energy, in consultation with the Environmental Quality Commission and other interested agencies, to develop a climate test to be used by state permitting agencies for evaluating applications for proposed fossil fuel infrastructure projects in this state. Requires the climate test, at a minimum, to 1) incorporate data from existing climate models, 2) specify standards and protocols using climate science to assess direct and indirect environmental impacts of a proposed project, 3) provide standards to evaluate and measure life cycle greenhouse gas emissions of a proposed project, 4) evaluate alternatives, and 5) compare the added economic value of a project to any adverse environmental impacts. Defines terms.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Directs the Department of Energy, in consultation with other state permitting agencies and federal agencies, to develop by rule a climate test for proposed fossil fuel infrastructure projects, criteria and other provisions necessary to administer the test on behalf of other state permitting agencies. Establishes purposes of climate test. Directs notice of proposed fossil fuel infrastructure application by state permitting agencies. Directs state permitting agencies to consider as part of permitting decision the climate test results and to deny an application if test results show that the cumulative adverse impacts of a project are greater than the economic benefit. Applies to applications received by state permitting agencies on or after the effective date of Act.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 1007 would direct the State Department of Energy, in consultation with the Environmental Quality Commission and other interested agencies, to develop a climate test to be used by state permitting agencies for evaluating applications for proposed fossil fuel infrastructure projects in this state.