

Legislative Bill Report – 2016 Regular Session

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Energy Bills

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| HB 0395 | Relating to Utility Advanced Cost Recovery | Representative Murphy |
| <p>Utility Advanced Cost Recovery: Provides for expiration of advanced cost recovery for nuclear & integrated gasification combined cycle power plants; requires certain funds to be returned to ratepayers; prohibits utilities from imposing charges to offset loss of utility revenues as result of refunding moneys from collection of advanced cost recovery fees; provides for future repeal. Effective Date: upon becoming a law</p> | | |
| SB 1478 | Relating to Utility Advanced Cost Recovery | Senator Sobel |
| <p>Utility Advanced Cost Recovery; Providing for the expiration of provisions authorizing advanced cost recovery for nuclear and integrated gasification combined cycle power plants; requiring certain funds to be returned to ratepayers; prohibiting utilities from continuing to collect advanced costs for certain plants after a specified date, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law</p> | | |
| HB 4057 | Relating to Repeal of Advanced Nuclear Cost Recovery | Representative Rehwinkel-Vasilinda |
| <p>Repeal of Advanced Nuclear Cost Recovery: Repeals provisions for cost recovery mechanisms for siting, design, licensing, & construction of nuclear & integrated gasification combined cycle power plants, including mechanisms that promote utility investment in, & allow for recovery in electric utility rates of certain costs of such plants; repeals provisions relating to financing for certain nuclear generating asset retirement or abandonment costs. Effective Date: July 1, 2016</p> | | |
| HB 0579 | Relating to Municipal Power Regulation | Representative Mayfield |
| <p>Municipal Power Regulation: Requires certain entities created under Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969 to submit financial statements for certain electric power projects to specified public entities; provides eligibility requirements for membership on governing body of certain entities created under Interlocal Cooperation Act; expands duties of Public Counsel; expands term "public utility"; provides exemptions. Effective Date: July 1, 2016</p> | | |
| SB 0840 | Relating to Municipal Power Regulation | Senator Simpson |
| <p>Municipal Power Regulation; Requiring certain entities created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969 to submit independently prepared financial statements for certain electric power projects to specified public entities; expanding the duties of the Public Counsel to include proceedings involving the Florida Municipal Power Agency; revising the definition of the term "public utility" to include the Florida Municipal Power Agency; exempting the agency from regulation by the Public Service Commission for purposes of rates and service, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016</p> | | |
| HB 0639 | Relating to Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Stationary Sources | Representative Diaz |
| <p>Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Stationary Sources: Provides legislative findings regarding federal Clean Air Act regulations that limit certain carbon dioxide emissions; prohibits certain entities from implementing certain rules or submitting certain plans regarding carbon dioxide emissions from existing stationary sources before occurrence of specified events; authorizes DEP to request extension for submitting certain implementation plans. Effective Date: July 1, 2016</p> | | |
| SB 0838 | Relating to Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Stationary Sources | Senator Evers |
| <p>Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Stationary Sources; Providing legislative findings regarding federal Clean Air Act regulations that limit certain carbon dioxide emissions from existing stationary sources; prohibiting each state agency and instrumentality thereof from implementing certain rules or submitting certain plans to the United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding such emissions before the occurrence of specified events, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016</p> | | |

HB 0687 Relating to Energy Policy Representative Costello
Energy Policy: Restricts manner in which counties & municipalities regulate renewable energy devices; exempts specific entities from PSC regulation; authorizes local renewable energy suppliers to sell local renewable energy to certain end users; specifies conditions under which certain end users may interconnect with local renewable energy suppliers or local electric utilities; provides conditions under which local renewable energy suppliers may interconnect; provides conditions under which net metering provisions apply; restricts declaration of covenants from regulating certain renewable energy devices more stringent than required under Florida Building Code; prohibits enforcement of certain state laws enacted pursuant to federal rules mandating state action under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

SB 1328 Relating to Energy Policy Senator Altman
Energy Policy; Prohibiting a county from regulating local renewable energy devices in a manner more stringent than required under the Florida Building Code; prohibiting under certain circumstances the enactment or enforcement of certain state laws, rules, or executive orders enacted pursuant to federal regulations that mandate state action, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

Water & Wastewater Bills

SB 0324 Relating to Utility Projects Senator Legg
Utility Projects; Creating the "Utility Cost Containment Bond Act"; authorizing certain local governmental entities to finance the costs of a utility project by issuing utility cost containment bonds upon application by a local agency; authorizing an authority to issue utility cost containment bonds for specified purposes related to utility projects; requiring the local agency or its publicly owned utility to collect the utility project charge, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

HB 0347 Relating to Utility Projects Representative Sprowls
Utility Projects: Authorizes certain local agencies to apply to certain local government agencies to finance costs of certain utility projects by issuing utility cost containment bonds; provides criteria in applying for funds; provides criteria of drafting financing resolution; provides procedures to establish or adjust utility projects; provides requirements for collection of project charges; specifies legal status of project charges for securing payment of bonds; specifies payment obligations & legal status of utility cost containment bonds. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

SB 0534 Relating to Water and Wastewater Senator Hays
Water and Wastewater; Creating a provision requiring the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration to review the allocation of private activity bonds to determine the availability of additional allocation and reallocation of bonds for water and wastewater infrastructure projects; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to require or request that the Florida Water Pollution Control Financing Corporation make loans, grants, and deposits to for-profit, privately owned, or investor-owned water systems, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

HB 0491 Relating to Water and Wastewater Representative Smith
Water and Wastewater: Requires Division of Bond Finance to review certain private activity bonds; exempts sales & leases to certain water utilities from sales tax; exempts from regulation person who resells water to certain entities; requires utility reserve fund & provides uses; revises provisions addressing rate case expenses; authorizes PSC to review water quality & wastewater service; requires counties to ensure service is not interrupted when water & wastewater systems are abandoned; expands entities to whom Water Pollution Control Financing Corporation may provide loans. Effective Date: July 1, 2016