

Fiscal Analysis: The legislation creates a new section of the Code for water utility or wastewater utility projects and requires the SCC to approve or deny a utility’s initial petition for approval of an EIRE plan within 180 days after receipt of such. For approved plans that a utility wishes to amend, the SCC is required to approve or deny such amendments within 120 after receipt. In cases where the SCC denies a plan or amended plan, the utility can refile within 60 days and then the SCC is required to approve or deny the resubmission

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within 60 days. In cases where a utility files an EIRE in conjunction with a rate case, the time periods listed for SCC review do not apply.

It is unknown the impact that this legislation will have on SCC staff from an anticipated increase in workload. If utilities file an initial or amended EIRE outside of a rate case filing, this will result in an increase to SCC staff workload and will require additional staffing resulting in an additional cost to the SCC. An increase in the Commission's non-general fund appropriation would be needed for any increased costs.

Other: None