



**Department of Planning and Budget**  
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**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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report to lawmakers by December 1, 2026. According to the agency, this would require highly technical engineering outside the scope of Energy's current expertise. Based on a quote from a national vendor, Energy estimates the cost of contracting support for the study would be \$500,000.

The bill directs Energy to conduct an open request for proposals for such consulting services, publish the results, and solicit voluntary private funding to cover all costs of consulting contracts related to this study.

The bill also directs Energy and SCC to perform additional analysis of potential regulatory pathways to support financing of the recommendations.

This impact statement is preliminary and may be updated if additional information becomes available.

**Other:** This bill is the companion to HB 114.