



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

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DFP and DEQ are directed to participate in the workgroup. It is anticipated that any fiscal impact to the departments can be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill requires SCC to establish a technology demonstration program, make a determination as to whether the technology is feasible, update regulations, and appoint an independent auditor to create criterion for and review proposals to construct energy storage facilities. It is anticipated that this increase in workload can be absorbed within existing resources. The SCC estimates that the expense impact for contracting with an independent auditor will be \$60,000 annually.

Amendments to HB 30 approved by the House include \$275,000 in FY 2027 and \$150,000 in FY 2028 for implementation of this bill. Amendments to SB 30 approved by the Senate include \$1.0 million in FY 27 and \$425,000 in FY 2028 for the combined implementation of this bill and four others.

**Other:** This bill is nearly identical to HB 895.