

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB1737
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Impact:	Minimal

Research Analysis

HB 1737, as introduced, allows a regulated natural gas utility to apply for pre-approval from the Corporation Commission prior to:

- Building, purchasing, or investing in an energy facility;
- Building or investing in an interconnect; and
- Entering into contracts for purchased gas supply, fuel generation, or transportation capacity.

The Corporation Commission must review the application and can require the utility to pay for their review. The Attorney General can also review the application and require the utility to pay for the review. The utility can recover these costs.

Upon the Corporation Commission's approval, the utility can start recovering costs of their purchase. If the costs are more than 10% higher than what was approved, they will be subject to a prudence review.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1737 establishes pre-approval guidelines for natural gas utilities seeking to construct or invest in certain energy infrastructure projects. The measure does require the Corporation Commission to promulgate rules around the provisions of the measure; the agency estimates a minimal fiscal impact of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the Public Utility Division to promulgate this rulemaking.

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Other Considerations

None.