



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
2009-10 Legislative Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

HOUSE BILL : 1423

PRINTER'S NO: 1745

PRIME SPONSOR: D. Evans

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
<b>Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):</b>		
States Funds—Restricted revenue account (from utility company assessments)	\$52,581,000	\$0
Federal Funds	\$3,389,000	\$0

**OVERVIEW:**

This bill appropriates \$52,581,000 in state funds and \$3,289,000 in federal funds to the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for its operations for Fiscal Year 2009/10. State funding for the PUC comes from assessments on the utilities regulated by the PUC.

The effective date is July 1, 2009, or immediately, whichever is later.

**ANALYSIS:**

This bill has several appropriations. It appropriates the Governor's recommended 2009/10 budget of \$52,581,000 in state funds for general government operations of the PUC. This amount provides for a \$419,000 increase (0.8%) over the 2008/09 appropriation of \$52,162,000.

The bill also makes federal appropriations of \$1,501,000 for natural gas pipeline safety and \$1,888,000 for motor carrier safety.

The PUC had a filled complement of 470 salaried persons as of March 31, 2009. In addition, the PUC has 53 wage employees. Personnel costs account for 81% of the total budget. The PUC has 36 salaried vacancies and 22 wage employee vacancies. This bill would allow the PUC to fill 36 salaried vacancies for 22.5 pay periods.

Sources used in the preparation of this fiscal note include budget documentation and testimony submitted to the Committee of Appropriations and other information provided by the Public Utility Commission.

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