

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0403H.011
 Bill No.: HB 376
 Subject: Energy; Utilities
 Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal allows electrical corporations to charge for services based on the costs of certain construction work in progress.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Revenue*	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Other State Funds*	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

*The State may pay higher initial utility costs if the Public Service Commission authorizes an electrical corporation to charge for additional amortization, however, Oversight assumes the potential additional amortization (if any) would be less than the \$250,000 threshold.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Sections 393.135 and 393.1250 - Missouri Nuclear Clean Power Act

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Facilities Management Design and Construction (OA-FMDC)** state that this proposal establishes the Missouri Nuclear Clean Power Act. It would allow costs of Construction Work in Progress (CWIP) to be passed on to retail customers of an electrical corporation in Missouri in order to finance the construction project.

It is assumed that there could be an increase in costs incurred by leased, state-owned or institutional facilities managed by FMDC. However, there is no way to know which buildings/facilities could be within the service area of the generating plant/facility that would be able to increase rates in order to cover CWIP. FMDC believes the impact to be \$0 to unknown.

Oversight assumes this proposal allows the Public Service Commission to authorize an electrical corporation to charge for additional amortization to maintain the corporation's financial ratios in order to provide a utility company with the opportunity to maintain healthy financial ratios during a major construction project. Oversight assumes the additional amortization will be recouped by various customer classes by rate increases.

Oversight assumes this proposal could increase utility cost for the Office of Administration as well as other state agencies and local governments. Since it is unknown how many additional amortizations will be authorized (if any), Oversight will reflect a range from \$0 (no utility begin a project and therefore no increased rates) to an unknown cost to the state and local political subdivisions for higher utility costs. However, Oversight assumes any potential increase in utility cost (if any) would be under \$250,000 to the state government.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Department of Natural Resource**, the **Missouri Department of Conservation** and the **Missouri Department of Transportation** each assumed the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. **The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs.** However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost - Office of Administration</u> Potential increase in electric utility costs	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>
VARIOUS STATE FUNDS			
<u>Cost - Various State Agencies</u> Potential increase in electric utility costs	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO VARIOUS STATE FUNDS	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Cost - Local Governments</u> Potential increase in electric utility costs	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Small businesses could have an increase in utility cost as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes the "Missouri Nuclear Clean Power Act", which allows clean baseload electric generating plants or facilities rated at 600 megawatts or less that utilize clean baseload electric generating plants to produce energy not in commercial operation as of August 28, 2025, to charge for costs associated with construction work in progress before the facility is operational.

Before any construction begins, the electrical corporation seeking to include construction work in progress (CWIP) in its rates must file with the Public Service Commission a plan detailing the costs and the plan to recover those costs through rates. The costs recovered by an electrical corporation are subject to inclusion or exclusion in a ratemaking proceeding under the authority of the Public Service Commission. The Commission may also authorize an electrical corporation to charge for additional amortization to maintain the corporation's financial ratios that will better allow it to cost-effectively construct a clean baseload generating plant..

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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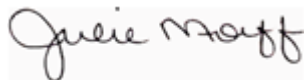
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