

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 21-5061/1	Introduction Number AB-0731	Estimate Type Original
Description exemption from public utility regulation regarding renewable electricity		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2021 AB 731 creates statutory provisions to provide for an exemption to the definition of a public utility. Specifically, the bill exempts a person that owns, operates, manages or controls, or leases to another person, equipment that generates electricity from a renewable resource, as defined in Wis. Stat. 196.378(1)(h), if the equipment is located on premises owned or occupied by another person. Further, the exemption applies only if the person provides the generated electricity to either another person pursuant to a lease or power purchase agreement or to a public utility or cooperative association and does not engage in any other activity that would result in the person meeting the definition of a public utility. The Commission would not regulate any person meeting the exemption criteria. 2021 AB 731 also prohibits an electric public utility from refusing to connect its electric distribution facilities to the electric-generating equipment subject to this exemption if the equipment meets the standards identified in rules promulgated by the Commission under Wis. Stat. 196.496(2).

There would be no fiscal effects to the Commission as a result of this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications