

HB 1155 -- ELECTRICITY RESILIENCE

SPONSOR: Hicks

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Homeland Security by a vote of 5 to 0.

This bill authorizes electrical corporations to file requests for cost recovery with the Public Service Commission for investments to improve electricity resilience at critical facilities. The commission must consider certain factors when determining cost recovery for the investments. Approved investments must be supported through cost-recovery mechanisms otherwise approved by the commission and the commission must conduct an annual review of investments to determine their performance in improving critical facility energy resilience.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill is important to maintaining critical infrastructure in times of crisis, whether natural, or man-made. We have problems right now simply maintaining the electrical transmission systems, so every little bit of help is important.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hicks and Mitchell Iken, Christian Coalition of America.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.