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S.B. 1277: FLOOR ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 1277 (as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Senator Bill Schuette Committee: Technology and Energy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Service Commission enabling law to provide that aggregation could be used for the purchase of electricity and related services from an alternative electric supplier. Local units of government, public and private schools, universities, and community colleges could aggregate for the purpose of purchasing electricity for themselves or for customers within their boundaries with the written consent of each customer aggregated. Customers within a local unit of government would continue to have the right to choose their electricity supplier and would not be required to purchase electricity through the aggregator.

"Aggregation" would mean the combining of electric loads of multiple retail customers or a single customer with multiple sites to facilitate the provision of electric service to those customers.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 937.

Proposed MCL 360.10z

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no way to know how many electric customers and/or local governments would participate in "aggregation" or how much would ultimately be saved in electric costs. Therefore, no reasonable estimate of the fiscal impact is possible at this time.

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