



Electric Utility Restructuring Legislative Oversight Committee

Agency at a Glance

In 1999, as part of the introduction of competition into the electricity market, the Legislature created the Electric Utility Restructuring Legislative Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation of competition. The Committee:

- monitors the effectiveness of utility restructuring, including the fairness of rates and reliability of service;
- studies the effect of stranded costs, market power, and regulation of competition; and
- may comment on proposed PUC rules related to electric competition.



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Committee Members (6)

The Committee is composed of six members including the Chair of the House Committee on Regulated Industries and two other House members appointed by the Speaker, and three Senators appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. Current members include:

Representative Phil King (Co-Chair)	Senator Troy Fraser (Co-Chair)
Representative Todd Baxter	Senator Jane Nelson
Representative Harold Dutton	Senator John Whitmire

Recommendation

1. Remove the Sunset Provision for the Electric Utility Restructuring Legislative Oversight Committee.

Issue 1

Remove the Electric Utility Restructuring Legislative Oversight Committee From Sunset Review.

Key Finding

- While the Committee has successfully overseen implementation of legislation on electric competition, the Legislature should be free to establish its own committee structure without review by the Sunset Commission.

Recommendation

Change in Statute

- 1.1 Remove the Sunset provision for the Electric Utility Restructuring Legislative Oversight Committee.**

Removing the Sunset provision would allow the Legislature to determine the proper structure of this Committee without being subject to review or abolishment under the Sunset Act.

Fiscal Implication Summary

The recommendation on the Electric Utility Restructuring Legislative Oversight Committee would not have a fiscal impact to the State.