

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

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| <b>Bill Number:</b> 6355 SB | <b>Title:</b> Electric Transmission System Authority |
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## Estimated Cash Receipts

| Agency Name               | 2025-27  |             |          | 2027-29  |             |          | 2029-31  |             |          |
|---------------------------|--|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
|                           | GF-State   | NGF-Outlook | Total    | GF-State | NGF-Outlook | Total    | GF-State | NGF-Outlook | Total    |
| Office of State Treasurer | Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion. |             |          |          |             |          |          |             |          |
| <b>Total \$</b>           | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> |

| Agency Name         | 2025-27  |       | 2027-29   |       | 2029-31   |       |
|---------------------|--|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|                     | GF- State  | Total | GF- State | Total | GF- State | Total |
| Local Gov. Courts   |  |       |           |       |           |       |
| Loc School dist-SPI |  |       |           |       |           |       |
| Local Gov. Other    | Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion. |       |           |       |           |       |
| Local Gov. Total    |  |       |           |       |           |       |

## Estimated Operating Expenditures

| Agency Name   | 2025-27                   |          |             |                | 2027-29    |          |             |          | 2029-31    |          |             |          |
|---|---------------------------|----------|-------------|----------------|------------|----------|-------------|----------|------------|----------|-------------|----------|
|   | FTEs                      | GF-State | NGF-Outlook | Total          | FTEs       | GF-State | NGF-Outlook | Total    | FTEs       | GF-State | NGF-Outlook | Total    |
| Office of the Governor                              | .0                        | 0        | 0           | 0              | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        |
| Office of State Treasurer                           | .0                        | 0        | 0           | 0              | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        |
| Department of Commerce                              | Fiscal note not available |          |             |                |            |          |             |          |            |          |             |          |
| Utilities and Transportation Commission             | .4                        | 0        | 0           | 132,174        | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        |
| Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation | .0                        | 0        | 0           | 0              | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        |
| Department of Ecology                               | .0                        | 0        | 0           | 0              | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        |
| <b>Total \$</b>                                     | <b>0.4</b>                | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>132,174</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> |

## Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

| Agency Name   | 2025-27                   |          |          | 2027-29    |          |          | 2029-31    |          |          |
|---|---------------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
|   | FTEs                      | Bonds    | Total    | FTEs       | Bonds    | Total    | FTEs       | Bonds    | Total    |
| Office of the Governor                              | .0                        | 0        | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0        |
| Office of State Treasurer                           | .0                        | 0        | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0        |
| Department of Commerce                              | Fiscal note not available |          |          |            |          |          |            |          |          |
| Utilities and Transportation Commission             | .0                        | 0        | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0        |
| Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation | .0                        | 0        | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0        |
| Department of Ecology                               | .0                        | 0        | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total \$</b>                                     | <b>0.0</b>                | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

## Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

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| <b>Bill Number:</b> 6355 SB | <b>Title:</b> Electric Transmission System Authority | <b>Agency:</b> 075-Office of the Governor |
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Operating Expenditures from:**

NONE

**Estimated Capital Budget Impact:**

NONE

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- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

Senate Bill 6355 creates the Washington Electric Transmission Authority as a public body to improve the reliability, resilience, capacity, and affordability of the state's electric transmission system. A board of directors must be appointed by January 1, 2027, to provide oversight and advise the authority on policies.

Section 4 states that the Governor must appoint nine (9) members to the Authority's Board of Directors. The members of the board must include:

- A person with experience working at a consumer-owned utility, preferably with expertise in the transmission function;
- A person with experience working at an investor-owned utility, preferably with expertise in the transmission function;
- A person with expertise in land use planning and law and local permitting processes;
- A person with expertise in clean energy development;
- A person with expertise in ratepayer protection;
- A person representing electrical workers with expertise in building electric transmission;
- A person with expertise in financing large infrastructure projects;
- A person with expertise in wildlife conservation and land use policies;
- A person from a federally recognized Indian Tribe, including federally recognized Indian tribes whose reservation or ceded lands lie in Washington state.

One or more members must have experience with the Bonneville Power Administration's transmission service. No member of the board may represent a person who owns or operates electric generating or transmission facilities.

Members of the board appointed by the governor must serve four-year terms. However, the governor must stagger the terms of six of the initial appointees for terms of one, two, and three years. At the end of the term, these members may be reappointed by the governor, or the governor may choose to appoint a new member.

The Governor's Office's responsibilities are limited to appointing members to the Board of Directors of the Washington Electric Transmission Authority and receiving required reports from the authority. These activities can be absorbed within existing staff and resources, and therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

**III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)**

NONE

**Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**

**IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures**

NONE

**IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

NONE

**IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

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| <b>Bill Number:</b> 6355 SB | <b>Title:</b> Electric Transmission System Authority | <b>Agency:</b> 090-Office of State Treasurer |
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## Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

**Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.**

**Estimated Operating Expenditures from:**

NONE

**Estimated Capital Budget Impact:**

NONE

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

SB 6355 creates

1. the electric transmission operating account, coupled with the general fund as the recipient of the earnings from investments under RCW 43.84.092(4).
2. the electric transmission capital account and allows the account to retain its earnings from investments.

There will be some de-minimis work for OST which can be completed within current practices and resources.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

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Projected cash flows are currently unavailable; therefore, estimated earnings from investments are indeterminable.

There may be an impact on the debt service limitation calculation. Changes to the earnings credited to the general fund impacts, by an equal amount, general state revenues.

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

### III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

## Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

### IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

### IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

### IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

## **Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

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| <b>Bill Number:</b> 6355 SB | <b>Title:</b> Electric Transmission System Authority | <b>Agency:</b> 215-Utilities and Transportation Commission |
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

### Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

|   | FY 2026       | FY 2027       | 2025-27        | 2027-29  | 2029-31  |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| FTE Staff Years                                 | 0.4           | 0.4           | 0.4            | 0.0      | 0.0      |
| <b>Account</b>                                  |               |               |                |          |          |
| Public Service Revolving<br>Account-State 111-1 | 66,087        | 66,087        | 132,174        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total \$</b>                                 | <b>66,087</b> | <b>66,087</b> | <b>132,174</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

### Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

Sections 1 create the Washington electric transmission authority to: (a) Improve reliability and resilience, including during extreme weather events; (b) Increase access to low-cost renewable energy; (c) Achieve clean electricity requirements and greenhouse gas emissions limits; (d) Support economic growth; and (e) Maintain affordable energy rates. (No NEW Fiscal Impact)

Section 2 creates definitions that apply to the Washington electric transmission authority. Sub. Bill adds definitions including “investor-owned utilities” (No NEW Fiscal Impact)

NEW Sec. 3 - creates new responsibilities for Commerce related to planning and supporting electric transmission infrastructure in Washington. It directs the department to identify priority transmission corridors, allows it to hire independent experts to assist with that work, and requires it to provide administrative support for the newly created Washington Electric Transmission Authority until that authority is fully staffed. Identify high-priority transmission corridors by Oct. 30, 2027. (No Fiscal Impact)

Section 4 discusses the 10-member board requirements and that the Board of directors must be appointed by Jan. 1, 2027, and an Exec. Director hired by June 30, 2027. (No NEW fiscal impact)

Sec. 5 – 19 – Creates a state electric transmission authority empowered to plan finance own operate partner on or sell high-voltage transmission projects. It will adopt rules, use eminent domain, receive and expend funds, coordinate with utilities, tribes, and finance authorities. It will Require qualified Builders it will form a tribal clean energy partnership workgroup, define and protect confidential critical energy infrastructure information, establish operating and capital transmission accounts, and grant SEP a categorical exemption in tribal consultation procedures for specified upgrades to existing 115 KV transmission lines. (No NEW fiscal impact –changes in section numbers, additional information/clarification on duties, removes incentive rate of return impact which removes fiscal impact from previous version.)

Sections 20 through 22 set expiration requirements. (No Fiscal Impact)

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

UTC assumes no cash receipts will go to UTC because of this legislation.

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

Commission participation in separate Authority rulemaking

Authority is required to adopt new rulemakings, taking about six months and requiring six hybrid meetings to complete. This will require staff participation, including data and policy analysis. Staff anticipates this work to begin July 1, 2026.

FY2026 and FY2027 - \$66,087 per FY

(Section Manager | Energy Rates & Services, 0.07 FTE; Deputy Director | Energy Rates & Services, 0.02 FTE; Policy Advisor, 0.07 FTE; Regulatory Analyst 3, 0.14 FTE; Attorney General, 0.03 FTE; Director | Regulatory Services, 0.02 FTE; Deputy Director | Policy, 0.02 FTE)

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

| Account         | Account Title                       | Type  | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | 2025-27 | 2027-29 | 2029-31 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 111-1           | Public Service<br>Revolving Account | State | 66,087  | 66,087  | 132,174 | 0       | 0       |
| <b>Total \$</b> |                                     |       | 66,087  | 66,087  | 132,174 | 0       | 0       |

### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

|                                      | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | 2025-27 | 2027-29 | 2029-31 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| FTE Staff Years                      | 0.4     | 0.4     | 0.4     |         |         |
| A-Salaries and Wages                 | 44,957  | 44,957  | 89,914  |         |         |
| B-Employee Benefits                  | 15,735  | 15,735  | 31,470  |         |         |
| C-Professional Service Contracts     |         |         |         |         |         |
| E-Goods and Other Services           | 5,395   | 5,395   | 10,790  |         |         |
| G-Travel                             |         |         |         |         |         |
| J-Capital Outlays                    |         |         |         |         |         |
| M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers        |         |         |         |         |         |
| N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services |         |         |         |         |         |
| P-Debt Service                       |         |         |         |         |         |
| S-Interagency Reimbursements         |         |         |         |         |         |
| T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements        |         |         |         |         |         |
| 9-                                   |         |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Total \$</b>                      | 66,087  | 66,087  | 132,174 | 0       | 0       |

### III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

| Job Classification                                | Salary  | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | 2025-27 | 2027-29 | 2029-31 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attorney General                                  | 238,800 | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     |         |         |
| Deputy Director, Energy Rates and Services        | 125,100 | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     |         |         |
| Deputy Director, Policy                           | 124,392 | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     |         |         |
| Director, Regulatory Services                     | 148,428 | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     |         |         |
| Policy Advisor, Energy                            | 107,700 | 0.1     | 0.1     | 0.1     |         |         |
| Regulatory Analyst 3                              | 103,536 | 0.1     | 0.1     | 0.1     |         |         |
| Section Manager, Energy Rates and Services Unit A | 111,432 | 0.1     | 0.1     | 0.1     |         |         |
| <b>Total FTEs</b>                                 |         | 0.4     | 0.4     | 0.4     |         | 0.0     |

### III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

## Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

### IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

### IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

### IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

## **Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

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| <b>Bill Number:</b> 6355 SB | <b>Title:</b> Electric Transmission System Authority | <b>Agency:</b> 355-Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation |
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**Part I: Estimates**

**No Fiscal Impact**

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Operating Expenditures from:**

NONE

**Estimated Capital Budget Impact:**

NONE

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

This bill creates a new Washington electric transmission authority to improve transmission reliability, resilience, and affordability. It outlines the priorities and responsibilities for the new Authority and assigns some supporting activities to the Department of Commerce that will assist the new Authority.

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation assumes there will be no direct impact as a result of the activities outlined in the bill, therefore, assumes no fiscal impact.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

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### II. C - Expenditures

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## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

### III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

## Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

### IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

### IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

### IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

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| <b>Bill Number:</b> 6355 SB | <b>Title:</b> Electric Transmission System Authority | <b>Agency:</b> 461-Department of Ecology |
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## Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Operating Expenditures from:**

NONE

**Estimated Capital Budget Impact:**

NONE

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

This bill would create a new Washington Electric Transmission Authority (Authority) to support planning and expansion of new transmission and distributed energy. The Department of Commerce (Commerce) would be required to staff and support the Authority and identify high priority transmission corridors. The bill would also establish a Tribal Clean Energy Partnership Work Group in Commerce to develop pathways for Tribal participation, find opportunities for joint ownership, research barriers to Tribal access, and develop model Tribal consultation processes and various agreements.

#### Bill Summary:

Section 1 would lay out legislative findings and intent to create the Washington Electric Transmission Authority (Authority) to improve transmission reliability, resilience, and affordability.

Section 2 would define the Authority, board of directors, and other terms relevant to the bill.

Section 3 would add a new section to chapter 43.21F RCW, on the State Energy Office, that would require Commerce to identify high priority transmission corridors by October 30, 2027, allow Commerce to work with a contractor to do so, and direct Commerce to provide all support for and oversee the Authority until an executive director is hired.

Section 4 would create a board of directors to oversee the Authority. This section would include specific appointment and experience requirements for members of the board, authorize external consultation, and lay out other board procedures.

Section 5 would establish the Authority as a public body. It would lay out the priorities, goals, and duties of the Authority. The Authority would be required to submit a report of its activities to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2027, and annually every July 1st thereafter.

Section 6 would list the powers of the Authority, including exercising eminent domain, entering contracts, applying for funding, entering into partnerships, charging fees for services, and serving as the SEPA "lead for the project proponent."

Section 7 would require the Authority to ensure all work is performed by qualified employees of an electric utility or contractors meeting detailed qualifications.

Section 8 would add a new section to chapter 43.31 RCW, regarding the Department of Commerce, establishing a Tribal Clean Energy Partnership Work Group. The section would lay out the required work product, membership, and deadlines. The work group would be required to submit a report to the legislature by December 1, 2027. The report would be required to include identified barriers to participation, recommended changes to law or rules, identified project opportunities, and frameworks for partnership, ownership, and investment. This section would expire on June 1, 2028.

Section 9 would establish the electric transmission operating account in the state treasury.

Section 10 would establish the electric transmission capital account in the state treasury.

Section 11 would define the types of information that would be considered confidential and not subject to inspection or disclosure pursuant to chapter 42.56 RCW, the Public Records Act.

Sections 12 - 17 would amend RCW 43.84.092 and various session laws related to the deposit of surplus balance investment earnings to add the electric transmission capital account to the list of accounts that receive their proportionate share of earnings from the state treasurer.

Section 18 would add expiration dates for Sections 12 – 16 of this bill.

Section 19 would add effective dates for Section 13 – 17 of this bill.

Section 20 would add Sections 1, 2, 4 - 7, and 9 -11 as a new chapter in Title 43 RCW, State Government – Executive.

This bill will not impact Ecology. The bill would therefore have no fiscal impact.

**II. B - Cash receipts Impact**

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

**II. C - Expenditures**

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

**Part III: Expenditure Detail**

**III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures**

NONE

**III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

NONE

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

**III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)**

NONE

**Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**

**IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures**

NONE

**IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

NONE

**IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 6355 SB

Title: Electric Transmission System Authority

## Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

### Legislation Impacts:

Cities: All cities. Potential local investment commitment fee revenue for high voltage projects.

Counties: All counties. Same as above.

Special Districts:

Specific jurisdictions only:

Variance occurs due to:

## Part II: Estimates

No fiscal impacts.

Expenditures represent one-time costs:

Legislation provides local option: Local governments have the option to enter into a partnership with the authority for use of services.

Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time: The number of high voltage projects to be developed by the authority. Local investment commitment fee structure.

### Estimated revenue impacts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

### Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

## Part III: Preparation and Approval

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## **Part IV: Analysis**

### **A. SUMMARY OF BILL**

*Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.*

This bill creates the Washington Electric Transmission Authority (authority) to improve the reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in Washington state. The authority will provide development transmission services and conduct other related activities in consultation with local and federal jurisdictions, utilities, transmission developers, federally recognized Indian tribes, and affected communities.

Sec. 5 requires the authority to charge and collect an application review fee of \$5,000 from each entity for use of services provided under a partnership with the authority.

Sec. 6 is a new section which allows the authority to adopt criteria in rule for initial and annual local investment commitment fees for high-voltage projects that the authority develops, owns, or sells under this chapter. These commitment fees will be distributed between counties, cities, towns, and tribes in proportion to the project's impact.

Sec. 8 is a new section added to chapter 43.31 RCW which directs the Department of Commerce to establish a tribal clean energy partnership work group. This work group must include between four and six representatives of electric utilities, including investor-owned and consumer-owned utilities.

This bill includes several effective dates for various sections. Please refer to the bill for specific dates.

### **B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS**

*Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.*

This bill has no impact on local government expenditures.

Local governments may choose to enter into a partnership with the authority to use services provided under a partnership agreement. If a local government chose to adopt the local option, it may incur administrative and legal costs to review the partnership agreement in addition to the \$5,000 fee imposed. The partnership may also require city council or county commissioners' approval depending on the scope of the agreement. However, there is no fiscal impact on local government expenditures due to the local option.

Assumptions released by the Department of Commerce state that the department anticipates eight meetings of the tribal clean energy partnership work group (every other month) for three hours per meeting and one on-line public meeting. One work group meeting will be in-person, the remainder will be online. The work group will hold one public online meeting before June 1, 2028. Commerce will identify and appoint members of the work group to include between four and six representatives of electric utilities, including consumer-owned utilities. For the purposes of this fiscal note, the Local Government Fiscal Note Program assumes that the additional work assigned to work group members will fall within current duties and the travel costs associated with the one required in-person meeting will be de minimus. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to local governments.

### **C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS**

*Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.*

This bill has an indeterminate impact on local government revenues.

The initial and/or annual local investment impact fees to be distributed to counties, cities, towns, and tribes will be in proportion to the project's impact and will be transferred with the title if the project is sold. These revenues cannot be estimated until the rulemaking is completed and are therefore indeterminate. The revenue impact of this legislation is indeterminate.





# Multiple Agency Ten-Year Analysis Summary

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| <b>Bill Number</b><br>6355 SB | <b>Title</b><br>Electric Transmission System Authority |
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This ten-year analysis is limited to the estimated cash receipts associated with the proposed tax or fee increases.

## Estimated Cash Receipts

| Office of the Governor                                 | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
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| Office of State Treasurer                              | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Utilities and Transportation<br>Commission             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Department of Archaeology and<br>Historic Preservation | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Department of Ecology                                  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |



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This ten-year analysis is limited to agency estimated cash receipts associated with the proposed tax or fee increases. The Office of Financial Management ten-year projection can be found at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/tax/default.asp>.

## Estimates

**No Cash Receipts**
                         
  **Partially Indeterminate Cash Receipts**
                         
  **Indeterminate Cash Receipts**

| Name of Tax or Fee | Acct Code |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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This ten-year analysis is limited to agency estimated cash receipts associated with the proposed tax or fee increases. The Office of Financial Management ten-year projection can be found at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/tax/default.asp>.

## Estimates

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