

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1679 - HB 2490**

March 1, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits certain actions by public utilities regarding use of smart meters.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation is applicable only to public utilities providing natural gas or electricity which are subject to oversight by the Tennessee Public Utilities Commission.
- Such public utilities would be prevented from installing smart meters without the consumer's consent, discontinuing service to a customer who refuses to install a smart meter, charging any customer a fee for not installing a smart meter, or charging a customer a fee for removal of a smart meter.
- The proposed language contains no prescribed penalties for violations.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

**IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown variables a precise impact to commerce and jobs in Tennessee cannot reasonably be determined.**

Assumptions:

- After July 1, 2018, public utilities utilizing smart meters will no longer be able to charge specific one-time fees relative to smart meters.
- Due to multiple unknown variables such as the number of public utilities utilizing smart meters, the number of utilities assessing fees which will be prohibited under this legislation, and the extent of any fee revenue currently collected by such utilities; any impact to commerce and jobs within Tennessee cannot reasonably be determined.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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