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TO: Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on Civil Practices

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1677 by Miller (Relating to the prohibition of recovering attorney's fees and costs from natural gas utility customers in certain rate proceedings.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would prohibit a court or a regulatory authority from awarding the right to recover from a gas utility customer a party's attorney's fees or other costs incurred in proceedings establishing rates.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission, 475 Office of Public Utility Counsel

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