

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

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

**IN RE: HB3309** by Gattis (Relating to consolidation of certain proceedings on an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity. ), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would require the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to consolidate the proceedings on an application to obtain or amend a certificate of convenience and necessity for the construction of a transmission line with the proceeding on another application to obtain or amend a certificate of convenience and necessity for the construction of a transmission line if it is apparent that the transmission lines that are the subject of the separate proceedings share a common point of interconnection. The bill would exempt a proceeding on an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity for a transmission line to serve a competitive renewable energy zone from this requirement. The PUC may need to conduct a rulemaking in order to conform existing rules to the provisions of the bill.

The PUC anticipates any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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