

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

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

**IN RE: SB855** by Duncan (Relating to assistance provided by the Office of Public Utility Counsel to interested parties on certain electricity matters involving certificates of convenience and necessity.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Utilities Code by adding that the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) may advise interested parties on procedural matters related to proceedings before the commission on an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity. The bill would also require the Public Utility Commission to give notice of the application to OPUC.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Public Utility Counsel and the Public Utility Commission, it is assumed that responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 475 Office of Public Utility Counsel

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