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TO: Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2026** by Sanford (Relating to the legislature's goals for renewable electric generating capacity.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Utilities Code to repeal Section 39.904, relating to renewable energy goals, and Section 39.916(g), relating to ownership of renewable energy credits by distributed renewable generation owners. The bill would terminate the renewable energy credits trading program and would remove the oversight of the registration of renewable power facilities from the Public Utility Commission (PUC). The bill would also repeal two biennial reports the PUC is required to produce related to the status of the transmission system and competitive renewable energy zones.

Based on information provided by the PUC, implementing the provisions of the bill would result in a reduction in oversight and reporting requirements for the PUC. This analysis, however, assumes that any savings realized because of reduced oversight and reporting requirements would not be significant.

Local Government Impact

Municipally owned electric utilities would no longer be required to purchase renewable energy credits under the proposed bill; however savings to municipalities are not anticipated to be significant.

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