

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4542  
By: Moody  
State Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

In current law, distributed renewable generation owners that operate outside the purview of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas have statutorily prescribed methods of compensation within the Public Utility Regulatory Act. That prevents the Public Utility Commission of Texas from exercising flexibility with respect to those owners as the nature of alternative energy generation evolves within this state.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4542 amends the Utilities Code to specify that the existing provisions related to compensation for distributed renewable generation owners that choose interconnection through a single meter only apply unless the Public Utility Commission of Texas approves an alternative method for the compensation of such an owner for electricity generated by distributed renewable generation or a qualifying facility.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2023.