

2SSB 5803 - S AMD 1073

By Senator Rolfes

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1 On page 3, line 30, after "elements." insert "In reviewing the
2 plan, the commission must consult with the department of natural
3 resources and the energy emergency management office of the
4 department of commerce. The commission's review of an electrical
5 company's wildfire mitigation plan does not relieve an electrical
6 company from proactively managing wildfire risk, including by
7 monitoring emerging practices and technologies, and mitigating and
8 responding to wildfires. The commission is not liable for an
9 electrical company's performance implementing its wildfire mitigation
10 plan. An electrical company may pursue recovery of costs and
11 investments associated with a wildfire mitigation plan through a
12 proceeding to set rates at the commission. Nothing in this section or
13 sections 2, 4, and 6 of this act may be construed to preclude
14 electrical companies from continuing to develop and implement
15 wildfire mitigation measures."

EFFECT: (1) Specifies that the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) must consult with the Department of Natural Resources and the Energy Emergency Management Office of the Department of Commerce, when reviewing a utility's wildfire mitigation plan (plan). Clarifies that the UTC's review of a plan does not relieve a utility from proactively managing wildfire risk and the UTC is not liable for a utility's performance implementing its plan.

(2) Allows a utility to pursue recovery costs and investments associated with a plan through a rate proceeding.

(3) Directs that nothing in the act may be construed to preclude electrical companies from continuing to develop and implement wildfire mitigation measures.

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