

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/HB 7109,1st Eng. (CS/CS/CS/SB 288)

INTRODUCER: Regulatory Affairs Committee; Energy and Utilities Subcommittee; Reps. La Rosa, Peters, and others (Appropriations Committee; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities Committee; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities Committee; and Senator Latvala)

SUBJECT: Florida Public Service Commission

DATE: April 28, 2015

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

Senate Amendment 1 - 606844 (body with directory and title)

Senate Amendment 2 - 251712 (body)

Senate Amendment 3 - 927036 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

Senate Amendment 1 requires that the Public Service Commission hold a customer service hearing in each investor-owned electric utility's territory every other year.

House refused to concur and asks Senate to recede.

Senate Amendment 2 provides for utility deposits and establishes limits and criteria for electric utilities when charging deposits. Also provides criteria when utilities must return deposits to the customer. Provides for the recalculation of deposits for new customers and requires automatic return of overages to the customer. If an underage occurs, the company has the discretion to bill for the additional amount. Applies to the new service deposits established on or after January 1, 2017.

House refused to concur and asks Senate to recede.

Senate Amendment 3 provides an appropriation for customer service hearings that the PSC is required to hold pursuant to Amendment 1.

House refused to concur and asks Senate to recede.