



## Appropriation of \$25 million for Electric Grid Security Programs

HB 3552 by Parker

### Proposal

- HB 3552 is contingent on the passage of HB 2289, which would establish an Electric Grid Security Advisory Committee.
- HB 3552 would establish a grant program of \$25 million for the biennium, administered by the PUC, focused on increased electric grid security. Eligible expenses would include:
  - audits related to grid security and computer systems;
  - reimbursement of investments made to implement a recommendation of the Electric Grid Security Advisory Committee;
  - expenses incurred by the Electric Grid Security Advisory Committee, such as for consulting fees, travel expenses and other administration.
- The PUC would report the reimbursements quarterly to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House.
- The PUC would be able to hold a closed meeting to discuss the findings of the Electric Grid Security Advisory Committee.

### Discussion

- Today, the major electric utilities in Texas participate in lead roles at a national level to address the security of the electric grid.
- Major types of security concerns include cyber security, the physical security of infrastructure and the potential impact of geomagnetic disturbances. National activities include the development of mandatory NERC standards and close collaboration with FERC, DOE, DHS and NIST as well as numerous utility based forums.
- Utilities have taken significant steps to address cyber security and physical security, based on the standards and reviews undertaken at other agencies.

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