

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6523
BILL NUMBER: SB 146

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 9, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Electric Utility Affordability; TDSIC Plans.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Niemeyer
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
 X DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that affordability is the most important attribute of electric utility service that must be considered in decisions concerning Indiana's electric generation resource mix, energy infrastructure, and electric service ratemaking constructs. It also provides the following with regard to a public electric or gas utility's transmission, distribution, and storage system improvement charge (TDSIC) plan: (1) The public utility's petition for Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) approval of the TDSIC plan must include an executive summary that provides specified information. (2) The public utility and the IURC shall publish the TDSIC plan, and each annual update to the TDSIC plan, on the public utility's and IURC's respective websites. (3) This bill also provides that the public utility shall recover the deferred 20% of the public utility's approved capital expenditures and TDSIC costs under the TDSIC plan only upon the public utility's completion of the eligible transmission, distribution, and storage system improvements included in the TDSIC plan.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill increases the workload of the IURC to ensure TDSIC plans are posted on its website and to update information when the TDSIC plan is updated. The bill's requirements are within the agency's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill makes it so that the deferred 20% of approved TDSIC costs can only be incurred after transmission, distribution, and storage system improvements have been completed. This change in the recovery process may reduce anticipated costs in utility bills and thus reduce sales tax revenues from bill payments on utility bills in the more immediate fiscal years, but will increase again when these costs are recoverable after improvement completion.

Additional Information - Accordingly to the IURC's 2025 Annual Report, approved TDSIC plans have an investment amount of \$1.45 B to date. This is 27.5% of their total anticipated investment amount of \$5.29 B.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: IURC

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: 2025 IURC Annual Report

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