

- SUBJECT:** Energy reports by municipally owned utilities and electric cooperatives
- COMMITTEE:** Energy Resources — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 6 ayes — Keffer, Crownover, Carter, J. Davis, Lozano, Sheffield
0 nays
3 absent — Craddick, C. Howard, Strama
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 21 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar
- WITNESSES:** For — Karen Hadden, SEED Coalition; Cyrus Reed, Lone Star Chapter, Sierra Club; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Eric Craven, Texas Electric Cooperatives; Joshua Houston, Texas Impact; Luke Metzger, Environment Texas; Tom “Smitty” Smith, Public Citizen)

Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Ch. 39 of the Utilities Code governs the restructuring of the electric utility industry. Secs. 39.9051 and 39.9052 addresses energy efficiency for municipally owned utilities and electric cooperatives with retail sales exceeding 500,000 megawatt hours in 2005. Current law states that municipally owned utilities and electric cooperatives governed by these sections must report to the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) about the effects of their energy-efficiency activities by September 1, 2009.
- DIGEST:** SB 924 would change the reporting requirements for municipally owned utilities and electric cooperatives governed by secs. 39.9051 and 39.9052 of the Utilities Code.

The bill would require municipally owned utilities and electric cooperatives to submit annual reports to SECO on the office’s standardized form starting April 1, 2012. The report would have to contain information from the previous calendar year regarding energy-efficiency activities, as well as the entity’s annual goals, programs enacted to

accomplish those goals, and any achieved energy demand or savings goals.

SECO would be required to submit the reports to the Energy Systems Laboratory at the Texas Engineering Experiment Station of The Texas A&M University System. The laboratory would have to calculate the energy savings and estimated pollution reductions resulting from the reported activities, and to share the results with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

SB 924 would take effect September 1, 2011.

**SUPPORTERS
SAY:**

SB 924 would create a standardized reporting system for electric utilities and cooperatives that would capture information on energy savings and demand and, in turn, generate more accurate load forecasting. The standardized reporting system would bring uniformity to reports from utilities and cooperatives that currently vary according to detail and format. The bill's reporting requirements would assist other utilities and cooperatives in creating programs and garnering ideas. Additionally, the bill would provide transparency and quantification of program results data.

**OPPONENTS
SAY:**

No apparent opposition.