BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The Public Utility Commission (PUC) has been working on protocols to implement the renewable energy program. C.S.S.B. 1116 allows a generation and transmission cooperative to be responsible for its members' cumulative total renewable obligation, if the cooperative's board elects to do so. C.S.S.B. 1116 also prohibits the PUC from requiring a generation and transmission cooperative to allocate their renewable energy resources among their members.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 39.904, Utilities Code, to provide that at the election of its board of directors, a generation and transmission cooperative is responsible for the cumulative total of its cooperative members' renewable energy requirements and its affiliated cooperation members' renewable energy requirements. Prohibits the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) from requiring a cooperative that elects under this subsection to allocate the cooperative's renewable resources between its members or its affiliated members when those resources are nominated. Provides that this subsection does not affect the cumulative total of renewable energy resources that are the responsibility of a generation and transmission cooperative, its cooperative members, or its affiliated cooperative members in meeting their share of the state's goals for renewable energy resources.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Amends as Filed S.B. 1116, Section 39.904, Utilities Code, by deleting previously proposed Subsection (b) and replacing with Subsection (g).