

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S1011**

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TO:	The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Offshore wind research & development activities		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1011 amends Chapter 37, Title 58, of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 by adding Section 58-37-60 which defines “offshore wind research and development activities”; directs the Public Service Commission promulgate and adopt regulations supporting activities; and provides incentives for suppliers investing in these activities.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Clemson University

Clemson University indicates this Bill would have minimal impact the agency’s General Funds. The additional costs associated with the institution’s use of impacted electrical utility companies can be absorbed according to the institution.

The institution anticipates generating Other Fund revenue in the amount of \$2 million to cover the implementation costs associated with supporting 6.20 FTEs, operating costs, equipment maintenance contracts, and travel over two years. The projected Other Fund costs are estimated using an average of 30% of the overall facility operating costs for the Wind Turbine facility at Clemson University Restoration Institute.

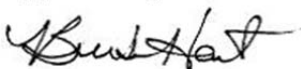
Public Service Commission

The Public Service Commission estimates this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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