

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/CS/SB 796
INTRODUCER: Senator Gruters
SUBJECT: Public Utility Storm Protection Plans
DATE: May 1, 2019

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 690185 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 - 690185:

- Deletes a legislative finding that it is in the state’s best interest that undergrounding focus on distribution lateral lines;
- In “transmission and distribution storm protection plan”, describes the plan as being for the overhead hardening “and increased resilience” of grid facilities;
- Contains greater detail as to what the plan must contain, what the PSC is to consider, and the process itself, including express authority for PSC to deny a plan; and
- Requires an annual report from the PSC to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the status of utilities' storm protection activities.