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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Coll	DATE TYPED:	02/07/00	HB	353
SHORT TITLE:	Office of the Commissioners Created			SB	
				ANALYST:	Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
See Narrative					

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 353 creates a new division, the Office of the Commissioners, in the Public Regulation Commission (PRC).

Significant Issues

The Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) recommended that the Legislature create a new division to appropriate funding specifically to the PRC Commissioners. The commissioners would be able to use this appropriation to fund their salaries and those of their personal staff assistants and other operating costs, such as training and travel. Currently, the commissioners and staff are co-mingled with the administrative services division. Under this organization, the commissioners hired 5.0 additional personal staff assistants in FY01 than were authorized by the Legislature. As a result, the PRC currently faces a budget deficit of almost \$300.0.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Enactment of House Bill 353 would make clear the legislative intent for funding for the PRC commissioners, staff, and travel budgets. The bill would not have an additional fiscal impact on the agency.

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