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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://agencyanalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*****(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)*****SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}***Date Prepared:** Feb. 10, 2025*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** SB 65 aOriginal ☐ Correction ☐Amendment ☒ Substitute ☐**Sponsor:** Sen. Duhigg**Agency Name
and Code**430 – Public Regulation
Commission**Short Title:** Consumer Solar Protection**Person Writing**

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Title: Act**Phone:** (505)490-2696**Email** jerri.mares@prc.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Original Synopsis:

SB 65 would add consumer protections to homeowners purchasing residential solar energy systems by establishing the Consumer Solar Protection Act.

Section 1 of the Bill is the title of the Bill.

Section 2 of the Bill would provide definitions needed for subsequent sections of the Consumer Solar Protection Act.

Section 3 of the Bill would require sellers of residential solar energy systems to have and display required permits and prohibit them various actions and require them to give paper copies of electronic documents to the consumer upon request.

Section 4 of the Bill prohibits sellers from requesting or accepting payment, refusing to return payment, or reporting to a credit agency a missed payment for residential solar energy systems prior to them being operational, as well as prohibiting a finance contract holder from requesting or accepting payments after repurchase.

Section 5 of the Bill provides for a private right of action for violations of the Consumer Solar Protection Act.

Senate Tax, Business & Transportation Committee Amendment

The amendment would increase the seller prohibitions in Section 4 from 90 days to 180 days.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Original Analysis

None

Senate Tax, Business & Transportation Committee Amendment

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Related to SB 69, Right to Repair Consumer Electronics Act, which specifically excludes residential solar energy systems.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo

AMENDMENTS

None