



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1875

LR 2793(02)

An Act To Provide Transparency in Electricity Pricing for Maine Ratepayers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides that the Public Utilities Commission and the Office of the Public Advocate must develop their budgets using a zero-based budgeting process or other method directed by the State Budget Officer. It also requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop information useful to electric ratepayers regarding the costs and effects of state policies on electric taxpayers, with the information being posted by the Commission and the Office of the Public Advocate on their publicly available websites. The Commission is also required to examine ways by which transmission and distribution utilities may inform customers of the information developed. The Commission is required to report on its actions, including any recommendations, to the Legislature by February 15, 2013. Any costs to the Public Utilities Commission and the Office of the Public Advocate can be absorbed within existing resources.