



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Address Recommendations from the Report by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability Regarding the Public Utilities Commission

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$88,531	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill creates a temporary Consumer Advisor position, terminating June 30, 2015, to be hired by the Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) who will advise members of the consuming public regarding participation in proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission. This bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the OPA of \$88,351 in fiscal year 2014-15 to allow expenditures for this purpose. The OPA must submit and prepare a report to the Legislature on the performance, duties and funding of this position. The OPA has indicated that it already has sufficient resources available to fund the allocation.