



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 946**

**LR 1241(03)**

**Resolve, To Establish a Moratorium on the Assessment of Large Volume Consumers by Gas Utilities and To Evaluate Cost-effective Natural Gas Conservation and Efficiency Improvements for Large Volume Consumers**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-369)**

**Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) not assess any large volume customer of a gas utility or make any final decision regarding the appropriateness or size of assessments on large volume customers until 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature in fiscal year 2016-17. There is a pending proceeding at the PUC dealing with Efficiency Maine Trust's (EMT) triennial plan and the issue of whether to assess these large volume customers is being decided. Large volume customers are not currently being assessed by the PUC. Any revenue, if they were to be assessed, would be transferred to EMT by the PUC. No estimate is made at this time on whether and at what rate they would be assessed. Any additional costs to EMT to meet with representatives of large volume customers and other interested stakeholders are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.