



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Sources of Energy

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 requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to implement a temporary alternative renewable portfolio program directing investor-owned transmission and distribution companies that elect to participate to enter into contracts expiring December 31, 2017 for renewable energy credits. The PUC may adopt routine technical rules to implement this program. This bill also removes the 100-megawatt maximum capacity limit for sources of electrical generation to qualify as renewable resources to meet the State's renewable resource portfolio requirement. Any additional costs to the PUC for engaging in these activities are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.