



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Update the Regulation of Public Utility Monopolies

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$154,192	\$160,525	\$168,101
Revenue				
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill changes certain qualification requirements for distributed generation resources for net energy billing and establishes new tariff rates. The bill includes ongoing allocations to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of \$154,192 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 for one Utility Analyst position and associated costs to assist with these changes.

The bill also establishes criteria for the PUC to use when considering approval of a municipal power district's or a cooperative's proposal to furnish electric service in a municipality or municipalities in which another electric utility is already furnishing service. If a limited number of such proposals are considered each year, additional costs can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. However, if a significant number of proposals are offered, the PUC may choose to use contracted services and additional allocations may become necessary.

The PUC is funded by an assessment set to produce sufficient revenue for the expenditures allocated by the Legislature for operating the PUC. The increased allocations in this bill require a corresponding increase in revenue from the assessment on transmission and distribution utilities.