



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Create a 21st-Century Electric Grid

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund
Potential current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill directs the Governor's Energy Office (GEO) to hire a third-party consultant to conduct a two-part study related to a distribution system operator (DSO) to oversee integrated system planning for all electric grids. The initial portion of the study is to determine if a DSO could achieve certain objectives. If yes, the second part of the study would be to design a proposal for implementation. The GEO is required to obtain any available federal funding first for the cost of the consulting services, but allows the GEO to request up to \$300,000 from the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund if no federal funding is secured.