



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Reverse Recent Changes Made to the Law Governing Net Energy Billing and Distributed Generation

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Soboleski of Phillips

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill repeals 35-A MRSA §3209-B, which pertains to commercial and institutional customer net energy billing and corresponding property tax exemptions and requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to amend its rule Chapter 13: Customer Net Energy Billing. As a result, a decrease in property tax exemption reimbursements to municipalities is expected, however, the extent of General Fund savings cannot be determined at this time due to the uncertainty of the PUC rulemaking process to institute a substantively equivalent rule to 35-A MRSA §3209-B.

Any additional costs to the PUC to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.