

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 2562(19)

An Act Regarding Utility Accountability and Grid Planning for Maine's Clean Energy Future

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-550)

H "A" (H-1043) to C "A" (S-550)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$899,028	\$514,738	\$539,116
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Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional filing fees may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing allocations to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of \$499,028 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 for 2 Utility Analyst positions and one Staff Attorney position and associated All Other costs. It also includes a one-time allocation of \$400,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 for contracted services to study similar investor-owned utilities and regulatory efforts. The PUC is funded by assessments on transmission and distribution utilities set to produce sufficient revenue for the expenditures needed to operate it. The increased allocations in this bill require a corresponding increase in revenue from those assessments.