



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Ensure Transmission and Distribution Utility Accountability

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	\$692,791	\$2,520,361	\$2,201,658
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$692,791	\$2,524,361	\$2,201,658

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

This bill establishes new performance standards for transmission and distribution utilities operating in the State and creates new oversight responsibilities for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The bill includes ongoing allocations of \$692,791 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 for six Utility Analyst positions and 5 Staff Attorney positions and associated All Other costs. The PUC will also require additional allocations of \$650,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$250,000 for contracted services related to the additional reporting requirements outlined in the bill. 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.