



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act Regarding the Duties of the Public Advocate

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Miramant of Knox

Committee: Energy Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$75,624	\$75,624	\$75,624	\$75,624
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$75,624	\$75,624	\$75,624	\$75,624

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would remove language that prohibits the Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) from intervening in any proceedings in which the Public Utilities Commission is representing a position substantially similar to that of the Public Advocate. This removal would allow the OPA to participate in additional proceedings. As a result, the OPA will require annual allocations for the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund of \$75,624 beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to fund additional staff activities related to the proceedings.

Because the OPA is funded by an assessment set to produce sufficient revenue for the expenditures allocated by the Legislature for operating the OPA, any increased allocations would require a corresponding increase in revenue to the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund from the assessment on the intrastate gross operating revenues of utility and qualified telecommunications providers.