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An Act Regarding Customer Costs and the Environmental and Health Effects of Natural Gas

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,650 in fiscal year 2024-25. The Legislature's budget for the 2024-2025 biennium includes \$14,500 in each of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$38,909 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission, the Governor's Energy Office, the Department of Labor and the Department of Economic and Community Development from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.