



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Clarify the Right to Appeal Certain Public Utilities Commission Decisions

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$540,237	\$557,326	\$582,103
Revenue				
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Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of appeals to the Law Court. The additional workload does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional filing fees will increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Public Utilities Commission has indicated that the additional adjudicatory proceedings due to this bill will require additional staff and resources to implement. This bill includes ongoing allocations of \$540,237 to the PUC starting in fiscal year 2024-25 for two Staff Attorney positions and two Utility Analyst positions and associated costs. Since the PUC is funded by assessments on impacted 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.