



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 201: Provider of Last Resort Service Quality, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill authorizes final adoption of the major substantive rule if certain rule changes are made. One change establishes maximum annual penalty amounts of \$2,000,000 for the largest provider of last resort service in the State and a proportion of \$2,000,000 for other service providers based on a ratio of total intrastate revenues. This increase in maximum penalty amounts could result in more fines going into the PUC Reimbursement Fund.

Any additional costs incurred by the Public Utilities Commission as a result of implementing major substantive rules to (a) establish service quality indicators and standards for service providers of regulated basic local flat-rate dial-tone service, also known as providers of last resort service, and (b) review these metrics submitted by the service providers can be absorbed by the Commission within existing budgeted resources.