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Bill Title: Relating to consumer protection for utility ratepayers.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Public Utility Commission, Housing and Community Services Department

Summary of Fiscal Impact

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure increases the annual amount electric companies must collect for low-income electric bill payment and crisis assistance from \$20 million to \$40 million. The measure raises the monthly cap per customer site for low-income electric bill payment and crisis assistance from \$500 to \$1,000. The Public Utility Commission must reassess community need and adjust collection rates every two years, with legislative reporting required for any increase over 2.5%.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required