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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee
From: Twais Broadus, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 16, 2025
Subject: HB 3792 – Relating to consumer protection for utility ratepayers
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 3792 increases the minimum amount collected by electric companies for low-income electric bill payment and crisis assistance from \$20 million to \$40 million annually. Funds are deposited into the Low-Income Electric Bill Payment Assistance Fund and must be used to provide bill payment and crisis assistance to low-income households, as well as cover administrative costs for the program managed by the Housing and Community Services Department.

The measure directs the Public Utility Commission to set customer rates to meet the minimum collection threshold and to reassess community need and electricity rates every two years. If the Commission increases the total collection amount by more than 2.5%, it must report its findings and the new amount to the Legislature within 30 days. The Commission must also ensure that no customer is charged more than \$1,000 per month, per customer site, for this program.

The proposed –A5 amendment provides an expenditure limitation increase for the Housing and Community Services Department, as the administrative agency for the Low-Income Electric Bill Payment Assistance Fund, to carry out the provisions of the measure.

Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –A5 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A5 amendment to HB 3792. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 3792, as amended by the –A5 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 3792, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor: