

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## HB 3792

### Relating to consumer protection for utility ratepayers

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

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HB 3792 increases the annual minimum amount collected by electric companies for low-income electric bill payment and crisis assistance from \$20 million to \$40 million. The funds are deposited into the Low-Income Electric Bill Payment Assistance Fund and used for bill payment assistance, crisis relief, and administrative costs managed by the Housing and Community Services Department.

The Public Utility Commission is directed to set rates to meet the threshold, reassess need every two years, and cap charges at \$1,000 per customer site per month. Any increase in collections above 2.5% must be reported to the Legislature.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 3792 be amended by the –A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.