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SENATE

129TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 494, L.D. 1559, Bill, "An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Open an Investigation Whenever It Initiates a Management Audit"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Permit the Public Advocate To Access Certain Information Related to a Management Audit'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §113, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Public Advocate; access to information. Throughout the course of a management audit performed pursuant to this section, the commission, upon request of the Public Advocate, shall:

A. Permit the Public Advocate to access information supplied by a public utility to the auditor and information supplied by the auditor to the commission; and

B. Provide the Public Advocate the opportunity to comment on information received under this subsection.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires the Public Utilities Commission, upon request of the Public Advocate, to permit the Public Advocate to access certain information in connection with a management audit of a public utility and to provide the Public Advocate the opportunity to comment on information received.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1559

LR 2307(02)

An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Open an Investigation Whenever It Initiates a Management Audit

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A15-151"

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

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

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires that the Public Utilities Commission provide the Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) with access to certain information in connection with a management audit of a public utility and to provide the OPA with the opportunity to comment on the information received. The OPA has indicated that having access to this information may necessitate the hiring of a consultant to assist with the evaluation of the technical aspects of the management audit. The OPA is funded by an assessment set to produce sufficient revenue to fund allocations for operating the OPA. Any increased allocations required from this bill can be created by financial order and will require a corresponding increase in revenue to the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund from the assessment on the intrastate gross operating revenues of utilities and qualified telecommunications providers.