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(Filing No. H-76)

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 642, L.D. 995, "An Act to Provide Funding for Low-income Electric Ratepayer Assistance"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2023, c. 201, §1; c. 230, §2; c. 306, §§2 and 3; and c. 361, §§3 to 5, is further amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

As used in this subsection, "low-income household" means a household that is eligible for an assistance program administered by the Maine State Housing Authority pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4722, subsection 1, paragraph W or a means-tested program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and that has an income of no more than 150% of the federal poverty level, as defined in Title 22, section 3762, subsection 1, paragraph C.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the definition of "low-income household" in the bill. The amendment provides that a low-income household for the purposes of needs-based low-income assistance for electricity customers is a household that is eligible for a low-income assistance program administered by the Maine State Housing Authority or eligible for a means-tested program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and that has an income of no more than 150% of the federal poverty level.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 04/10/25 **LRL**

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LD 995

LR 496(02)

An Act to Provide Funding for Low-income Electric Ratepayer Assistance

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-76)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes one-time General Fund appropriations of \$7.5 million in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 only to the Maine State Housing Authority for low-income electric ratepayer assistance.

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Any additional savings to the Department of Health and Human Services, General Assistance program, from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.