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TRANSPORTATION

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1223, L.D. 1642, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Financial Assistance Program for Utilities Burdened as a Result of State Highway Construction"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "\$256." in the first paragraph by inserting at the end the following: 'The maximum amount of all outstanding loans to eligible utilities may not exceed \$3,000,000. In any fiscal year, the amount loaned for the purposes of this section may not exceed the amount allocated by the Legislature in that fiscal year plus the unencumbered balance from previous years.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

**Sec. 2. Small Utility Loan Program reserve account.** The State Controller shall establish a Highway Fund balance sheet notes receivable and reserve account to record outstanding utility loans.

**Sec. 3. Balance carried forward.** Any balance in the Small Utility Loan Program reserve account in excess of that required for the purposes of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 256 does not lapse but is carried forward.

**Sec. 4. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1994-95

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Highway and Bridge Improvement

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

R.S.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1223, L.D. 1642

All Other (\$250,000)

Provides for the deallocation of funds no longer required to offset an allocation to the Small Utility Loan Program.

Small Utility Loan Program

All Other \$250,000

Provides funds to establish a financial assistance program for certain water and sewer utilities for the relocation of utilities as a result of state highway construction.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TOTAL

\$0

FISCAL NOTE

This bill includes a Highway Fund allocation of \$250,000 to the Department of Transportation in fiscal year 1994-95 to establish the Small Utility Loan Program. This program will provide interest-free loans to certain water and sewer utilities for the relocation of utility facilities as a result of state highway construction. The department may not loan in any fiscal year more than amounts allocated to this program plus any unencumbered balance in the program with the total amount of outstanding loans limited to \$3,000,000.

Funding for this program is provided through a deallocation of \$250,000 in fiscal year 1994-95 from the Highway and Bridge Improvement Program.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment caps total outstanding loans at \$3,000,000. The amount loaned in a fiscal year may not exceed the amount allocated for that fiscal year plus the unencumbered balance in the Small Utility Loan Program reserve account. The amendment establishes the Small Utility Loan Program as a nonlapsing account and allocates \$250,000 to the program for fiscal year 1994-95. These funds are transferred from the Highway and Bridge Improvement program. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.