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L.D. 205

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UTILITIES AND ENERGY

Minority

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 156, L.D. 205, Bill, "An Act Providing for Regulation of the Cable Television Industry by the Public Utilities Commission"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Allocates funds for 2 Utility Analyst positions and general operating expenses required to assist in the proposed regulatory function.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2005-06	2006-07
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$151,960
All Other	\$0	\$18,574
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$170,534'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment incorporates an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See Attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 205

LR 0103(02)

## An Act Providing for Regulation of the Cable Television Industry by the Public Utilities Commission

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$170,534	\$174,797	\$179,167
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$170,534	\$174,797	\$179,167

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the regulation of the cable television industry by the Public Utilities Commission will require additional allocations to the commission of \$170,534 in fiscal year 2006-07, \$174,797 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$179,167 in fiscal year 2008-09. These estimates assume 2 Utility Analyst positions to administer this regulatory function. Under the funding procedures for the Public Utilities Commission and through the establishment of a Cable Regulation Reimbursement Fund, the above costs would be paid through an assessment on the cable television companies. This legislation allows the distribution of funds from the Cable Regulation Reimbursement Fund to municipalities for costs incurred in regulating rates. The exact amount of funds to be distributed to municipalities can not be determined at this time.