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9 10 11	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 613, L.D. 813, Bill, "An Act To Provide an Energy Allowance to At-home Patients Using Ventilators" Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:	
12	'Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§6 is enacted to read:	
13 14 15 16 17	6. Annual report. The commission shall report by November 1st of each year to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters on low-income assistance programs established or approved under subsection 2 or 3 and any equitable-treatment program established pursuant to subsection 5. The report must, at a minimum, include:	
18 19 20	A. For each month of the program year, the number of participants enrolled in low- income assistance programs, the number receiving oxygen pump benefits and the number receiving ventilator benefits;	
21 22 23	B. For each month of the program year, the dollar amount of low-income assistance program benefits, the dollar amount of oxygen pump benefits and the dollar amount of ventilator benefits; and	
24 25 26	C. An assessment of the effectiveness of the oxygen pump benefit and the ventilator benefit with regard to covering only those electric charges directly related to use of an oxygen pump or ventilator by the program participant.	
27 28 29 30	Sec. 4. Report; medical devices under equitable-treatment program. The Public Utilities Commission shall examine medical devices that may be appropriate for inclusion in the equitable-treatment program established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3214. For each medical device examined, the commission	

31 shall assess its electricity requirements and typical usage patterns and gather data on the 32 number of residential electricity customers and low-income program participants 33 currently using the device. The commission shall report its findings to the Joint Standing

34 Committee on Utilities and Energy no later than January 15, 2008.

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SUMMARY

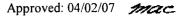
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2 This amendment adds a provision to the bill to require the Public Utilities 3 Commission to report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having 4 jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters on the low-income assistance programs for residential electricity consumers and the equitable-treatment program for low-income 5 program participants who require an oxygen pump or ventilator for at least 8 hours each 6 day. The amendment also requires the commission to examine medical devices that may 7 be appropriate for inclusion in the equitable-treatment program and report its findings to 8 9 the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy no later than January 15, 2008.

10	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
11	(See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" Committee: Utilities and Energy Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with this legislation can be absorbed by the Public Utilities Commission utilizing existing budgeted resources.