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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

124TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 306, L.D. 792, Bill, "An Act To Encourage Small Business Energy Efficiency"

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

'Resolve, Regarding On-bill Financing Programs for Energy Efficiency'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. On-bill financing. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall examine options for and the feasibility of establishing an on-bill financing program for the purchase and installation of energy efficiency measures and energy-efficient technologies by small businesses. The commission may also consider on-bill financing options for residential electricity customers. The examination must include, but is not limited to:

- 1. Consultation with the Maine Small Business Development Centers;
2. A review of on-bill financing programs that have been established in other states;
3. An analysis of how on-bill financing could be integrated with the existing energy efficiency programs administered by the commission; and
4. An analysis of relevant policy and program implementation issues, including, but not limited to, participant eligibility requirements, incentives for participation, efficiency measures and technologies covered by the program, loan terms and conditions, risks for ratepayers and utilities, credit and collection issues, administrative costs and options for tying the loan to the property or electricity meter; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report; authority for legislation. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy a report of its findings and recommendations pursuant to section 1. After receipt and review of the report, the committee may submit legislation concerning the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment directs the Public Utilities Commission to examine options for establishing an on-bill financing program for the purchase and installation of energy efficiency measures and energy-efficient technologies by small businesses. The amendment also authorizes the commission to consider on-bill financing programs for residential electricity customers. The amendment requires the commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations regarding on-bill financing to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy by January 15, 2010, and it authorizes the committee to submit legislation concerning this subject to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 792

LR 804(02)

An Act To Encourage Small Business Energy Efficiency

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

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission associated with examining options to encourage small business energy efficiency, considering on-bill financing programs and producing a report on the findings can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.