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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

130TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 348, L.D. 1079, "Resolve, To Review the Effects of the Deregulation of Maine Utilities"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Review concerning effects of electric industry deregulation.

Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall conduct a study to review the policies enacted in the State in the late 1990s and early 2000s relating to the deregulation and restructuring of the State's electric industry and the justification for those policies. The study must examine the goals and objectives of deregulation and whether these goals and objectives have been met. The study must include a review of the development of competition in both the retail supply market and the wholesale generation market, along with an assessment of the impact of state energy policies on the development of competitive markets. The commission shall also examine the effects of the integration of renewable energy programs into the deregulated electric supply market. The commission shall report its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters no later than January 31, 2023. The committee may report out a bill on the subject matter of the report to the 131st Legislature in 2023.

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Public Utilities Commission to conduct a study to review the policies enacted in the State in the late 1990s and early 2000s relating to the deregulation and restructuring of the State's electric industry and the justification for those policies. It also directs the commission to examine the effects of the integration of renewable energy programs into the deregulated electric supply market and requires the commission to provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters no later than January 31,

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2023. It authorizes the committee to report out a bill in connection with the commission's report to the 131st Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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LD 1079

LR 891(02)

Resolve, To Review the Effects of the Deregulation of Maine Utilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-489)
Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission as a result of conducting a study regarding the deregulation and restructuring of the State's electric industry and the integration of renewable energy programs into a deregulated electric supply market are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.