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### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

The office must submit reports based on each study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters by January 15, 2027. Both studies must take into consideration the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the generation and storage of energy sources.

### LD 301 An Act to Allow the Public Utilities Commission to Use Quantitative Metrics and Rate-adjustment Mechanisms in a Proceeding for a General Rate Increase

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 198 allows the Public Utilities Commission to establish or authorize rate-adjustment mechanisms or quantitative metrics pertaining to a public utility's operations and activities in a proceeding for a general increase in rates.

## LD 466 An Act to Extend the Law Governing Electric Power and Service Residential Rates for Military Veterans' Organizations

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 19 changes the repeal date of the law governing electric power and service residential rates for military veterans' organizations from September 1, 2025 to October 1, 2027.

Public Law 2025, chapter 19 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2025.

## LD 481 An Act to Allow a Water District Created by Special Act of the Legislature to Borrow Money and Issue a Warrant Prior to a Default

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 23 provides that if a water district, prior to a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on a note, bond or other evidence of indebtedness, makes a determination that the district's anticipated revenues from the normal payment of water charges will not be sufficient to pay the district's anticipated operating expenses, the water district may borrow money to pay the principal and interest and other transaction costs related to the borrowing and may issue the district's warrant immediately to those portions of the municipality or municipalities that constitute the district to repay the amount borrowed, plus interest.