

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

LRB Number 03-3955/1	Introduction Number AB-736
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Subject

Contributions by electric and gas utilities to the utility public benefits fund

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate
 Increase Existing Appropriations
 Increase Existing Revenues
 Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Decrease Existing Appropriations
 Decrease Existing Revenues
 Yes No
 Create New Appropriations
 Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.155 (1) (g)	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires that any portion of a utility payment approved by the PSC for retention by the utility must be used by the utility for conservation programs for industrial, commercial and agricultural customers in the utility's service area. It is anticipated that three to four utilities may request to retain a portion of their Public Benefit Program funding to participate in this program. To determine the usefulness of the utility proposal the PSC would use the criteria established in rules required under AB 737, or be required to conduct a rule-making under the provisions of this bill. Prior to the creation of the Public Benefits Program the PSC had the equivalent of 7.0 FTE monitoring and working on the programs. Currently, the PSC has .5 FTE. It is impossible to say with any certainty an appropriate number of staff that would be required to be allocated to this activity without first knowing the number of utilities that would opt to participate. It should be noted that when the PSC had 7.0 FTE positions the major public utilities were operating extensive programs that included a residential component, a component that is not included in this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown