

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Representative Ziegelbauer:

Please review this bill very carefully to make sure that it achieves your intent. In particular, please note the following:

1. I wasn't sure how you want to treat s. 196.374, stats., which was substantially amended as part of the public benefits changes made in last session's budget. Therefore, the bill amends s. 196.374 so that it reverts back to the requirements before the public benefits changes were made. The numbering is not the same, but the substantive requirements are the same.
2. On a point related to item 1 above, I also assumed that you want to refund the contributions that electric and gas utilities have made to the utility public benefits fund. Also, I assumed that electric and gas utilities must use any money that is refunded to pay for conservation programs under s. 196.374, as amended by the bill. Note the the source of the refunds is the unencumbered balance in the utility public benefits fund. Therefore, the refunds won't affect any obligations that DOA has already incurred regarding the fund.
3. I also assumed that you want to refund the public benefits fees that have been deposited in the utility public benefits fund. Is this correct? Again, the source of the refunds is the unencumbered balance in the utility public benefits fund.

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