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HB-5441

AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY SHUTOFFS FOR CERTAIN CUSTOMERS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill makes various adjustments to existing utility shutoff requirements and requires the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to develop a certification system for customers claiming hardship status and results in no fiscal impact to the state.

Ratepayer Impact Statement¹

This bill results in a potential minimal rate decrease in cost to ratepayers by limiting certain shutoff protections and reinstatement requirements associated with illness unless the customer qualifies as a hardship case. This adjustment may reduce future arrearages that would normally be collected through the rate recovery process, which results in a potential minimal rate decrease.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

¹ The state and municipalities are ratepayers and there may be impacted by policy changes that affect electric rates