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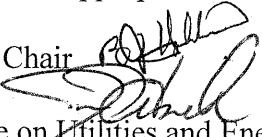

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY

TO: Honorable Bill Diamond, Senate Chair
Honorable Emily Ann Cain, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Barry J. Hobbins, Senate Chair 
Jon Hinck, House Chair 
Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

DATE: 26 January 2010

RE: Recommendations Regarding the Relevant Parts of the Governor's Proposed Supplemental Budget Bill (LD 1671)

The Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy has reviewed the two sections of the Governor's Proposed Supplemental Budget Bill, LD 1671, that you have asked this committee to review (Sections A-20 and A-49) relating to the Energy Conservation Board and the Public Utilities Commission; we have voted unanimously to recommend accepting those proposals as presented. As requested, we are including with this report your budget worksheet form with a record of our committee's votes on the above-referenced portions of the budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the supplemental budget. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Attachment

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

Sec. A-20. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENERGY CONSERVATION BOARD, MAINE

Maine Energy Conservation Board Z076

Initiative: Provides one-time funding required to correct excess deallocation in Public Law 2009, chapter 372, Part J.

Ref. #: 339

Committee Vote: In 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

Justification:

Public Law 2009, chapter 372, Part J reduced allocation in excess of \$50,000 of available allocation.

ENERGY CONSERVATION BOARD, MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

Sec. A-49. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: Continues one Staff Accountant position in the Public Utilities - Administrative Division program and reallocates the costs from 20% to 40% in the Emergency Services Communication Bureau program.

Ref. #: 1220

Committee Vote: In 13-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$13,338
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$10
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$13,348

Justification:

The Public Utilities Commission still has ongoing accounting responsibilities pursuant to Public Law 2009, chapter 372 including gathering data related to, and determining the assessment, on transmission and distribution utilities to collect funds for conservation programs and administrative costs, collecting the assessments from utilities and remitting the assessments to the Efficiency Maine Trust. The Emergency Services Communications Bureau work remains at the Public Utilities Commission and has increased. The Public Utilities Commission has increased accounting responsibilities associated with increased activities in its Dig Safe program and as a result of the receipt of Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds related to regulatory activity on electricity and smart grid issues.

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Continues one Staff Accountant position in the Public Utilities - Administrative Division program and reallocates the costs from 20% to 40% in the Emergency Services Communication Bureau program.

Ref. #: 1218

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$40,014
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$1,153
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$41,167

Justification:

The Public Utilities Commission still has ongoing accounting responsibilities pursuant to Public Law 2009, chapter 372 including gathering data related to, and determining the assessment, on transmission and distribution utilities to collect funds for conservation programs and administrative costs, collecting the assessments from utilities and remitting the assessments to the Efficiency Maine Trust. The Emergency Services Communications Bureau work remains at the Public Utilities Commission and has increased. The Public Utilities Commission has increased accounting responsibilities associated with increased activities in its Dig Safe program and as a result of the receipt of Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds related to regulatory activity on electricity and smart grid issues.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$54,515
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$54,515