

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

Prime Sponsors: Representative Levy
(None)

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 02/03/07 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note was Prepared (Amended by the Transportation and Energy Committee 02/06/07)

The Transportation and Energy Committee amendment made the following changes to the bill:

1. Modified the definition of "Total resource cost test" to include the following: "a determination of cost-effectiveness that includes costs paid by both participating customers and an investor-owned gas distribution utility for conservation measures *compared to the benefits as measured by the utility's avoided energy supply costs and other benefits as determined by the commission.*"
2. Inserted language permitting the gas utility to implement one or more cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation programs to low-income customers.
3. Modified language permitting the utility to recover moneys spent on education programs, impact and process evaluations, and program planning related to natural gas efficiency and conservation programs offered by the gas utility, "*without having to show that such expenditures are cost-effective and that the commission may limit the amount spent for these activities*".

The amendment did not change the fiscal impact of the bill as delineated in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated February 3, 2007. Legislative Council staff agrees with this assessment.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

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Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill does not contain an appropriations clause. Staff has drafted an amendment (**J.001**) that inserts an appropriations clause into the bill. This clause appropriates \$90,305 cash funds from the Public Utilities Commission Fixed Utility Fund (FUF) and 0.8 FTE to the Department of Regulatory Agencies, Public Utilities Commission, in FY 2007-08 to implement the bill. Also, the clause

appropriates \$13,554 cash funds exempt to the Department of Law, for legal services, in FY 2007-08 to implement the bill. This clause is consistent with the estimated fiscal impact of the bill as delineated in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated February 3, 2007.

Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

None.