

**STATE
REVISED FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Boyd

Bill Status: Senate Second Reading

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TITLE: CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON A UTILITY'S ABILITY TO DISCONNECT CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS' HEATING SERVICE DURING COLD WEATHER MONTHS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
Cash Funds		
Department of Human Services		
Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund	up to \$50,000	
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds		
Department of Human Services		
Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund	\$50,000	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: Continuously appropriated.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

This fiscal note is updated to reflect amendments by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee. Senate HHS changed the bill to be a study and Senate Appropriations amended the bill to allow the Department of Human Services Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund to accept and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of this bill.

Summary of Legislation

As amended by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, this bill directs the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to require natural gas and electric utilities subject to its jurisdiction to provide data concerning notification and discontinuance of utility service to residential customers to the Commission on Low-Income Energy Assistance (commission). The commission is tasked with reviewing these data to assess the impact that existing rules, agreements, and policies have on low-income residential utility customers. The commission is directed to make recommendations by December 15, 2013, to the Governor and the General Assembly on any necessary legislative changes to existing measures intended to prevent the disconnection of utility services during periods of extreme weather. The bill sets out factors to be considered in preparing these recommendations. The commission may seek and receive public and private funding and use the existing resources of the PUC, the Department of Human Services, and Energy Outreach Colorado.

State Revenue

If the study contemplated by the bill is funded 100 percent by gifts, grants, and donations, a total of \$50,000 is required to the Department of Human Services Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund. If other sources of funding are applied, that amount will be reduced.

State Expenditures

This bill is expected to increase expenditures by \$50,000 in FY 2012-13 only, from the Department of Human Services Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund. The fiscal note assumes that a consultant will be contracted with to conduct the analysis and that other support for the commission will be provided by the Department of Human Services LEAP Program within existing resources.

State Appropriations

The Department of Human Services Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund is continuously appropriated so no appropriation is required.

Departments Contacted

Governor's Energy Office

Human Services

Regulatory Agencies