

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5128-01  
Bill No.: HB 2147  
Subject: Appropriations; Energy; Public Service Commission; Utilities  
Type: Original  
Date: February 26, 2008

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Bill Summary: This legislation raises the utilicare limit from five million to ten million dollars.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
General Revenue	\$0 to (\$3,600,000)	\$0 to (\$3,600,000)	\$0 to (\$3,600,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0 to (\$3,600,000)</b>	<b>\$0 to (\$3,600,000)</b>	<b>\$0 to (\$3,600,000)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☒ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** and the **Department of Economic Development** each assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Family Support Division (FSD)** anticipates no impact as a result of this legislation. The proposal changes the cap on Utilicare from \$5 million to \$10 million from state general revenue that can be appropriated. FSD currently administers an energy assistance program funded by a federal block grant (LIHEAP) and this proposal would not impact the administration of the program.

Officials from the **Division of Budget and Planning (BAP)** assume the proposed legislation should not result in additional costs or savings to the BAP.

As a result of the cost-of-living increases, the Utilicare supplemental appropriation for FY08 is \$6,440,785. The proposed legislation would be subject to appropriation but could cost between \$0 and \$3.6 million annually. In addition, the provision for the cost-of-living increases remains in statute and could add from \$0 up to seven percent above the \$10 million cap in each subsequent year.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
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### **GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

Costs - Department of Social Services  
Increased Utilicare Limit Cap

<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(\$3,600,000)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(\$3,600,000)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(\$3,600,000)</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON  
GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(\$3,600,000)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(\$3,600,000)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(\$3,600,000)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2009  
(10 Mo.)

FY 2010

FY 2011

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

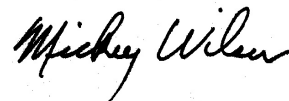
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Division of Budget and Planning  
Department of Economic Development  
Department of Natural Resources  
Department of Social Services



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