



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 1473

Senate, May 3, 2007

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE CONSUMER COUNSEL AND PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Consumer Counsel and
2 the chairperson of the Public Utility Control Authority shall review (1)
3 the functions and activities of the Office of Consumer Counsel and the
4 Department of Public Utility Control in order to evaluate the cost and
5 effectiveness of such functions and activities and assign priority for
6 their continued funding, and (2) the purposes for which the resources
7 of the Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund are
8 expended in order to determine the most appropriate uses for such
9 resources. The Consumer Counsel and the chairperson shall submit
10 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
11 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
12 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than January
13 1, 2008, and annually thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

APP *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OFA Bill Analysis**SB 1473*****AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE CONSUMER COUNSEL AND PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL FUND.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Consumer Counsel and the chairperson of the Public Utility Control Authority to review the functions and activities of the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) and the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC). The review will evaluate the cost and effectiveness of the functions and activities, assign priority for continued funding, and determine the most appropriate use of resources.

The findings and recommendations of this review must be submitted to the Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2008 and annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 50 Nay 0 (04/17/2007)