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AN ACT CONCERNING CALL BEFORE YOU DIG PROGRAM
VIOLATIONS AND CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO GAS
PIPELINES PROCESSES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill adds persons involved in the transportation of gas to numerous Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) regulations. To the extent that PURA's authority to collect civil penalties would extend to pipeline operators under the provisions of the bill, there is a potential revenue gain to the General Fund equal to any civil penalties as a result of such regulation.

The bill also requires that utilities pay civil penalties related to Call Before You Dig rules, rather than contracted third parties. It is not anticipated that this provision would increase the amount in civil penalties that PURA collects.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the amount of any civil penalties levied on those involved in the transportation of gas.