

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1149 (Delegate Klausmeier, *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Public Service Companies - Cost Allocation Manual - Periodic Revision

This bill provides that when a specified public service company files a request for a change in base rate or has a major change in organizational structure, the company must file with the request an independent audit opinion prepared by an entity approved by the Public Service Commission (PSC). The audit opinion must certify the continuing accuracy of the company's cost allocation manual and identify adjustments that could be made to the manual consistent with prior PSC rulings. A public service company is not required to file more than one independent audit opinion within a consecutive three-year period as a result of this bill. The cost of the audit is to be borne by the stockholders of the public service company.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The public service companies affected by this bill are not small businesses.

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