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Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: HB 2242 - A

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SUMMARY

Authorizes Public Utility Commission to consider differential energy burden and other inequities of affordability in rates.

Authorizes public utilities to enter agreements to provide financial assistance for organizations to represent in regulatory proceedings before commission interests of low-income residential customers and residential customers that are members of environmental justice communities.

Establishes Office of the Low-Income and Environmental Justice Advocate within commission. Authorizes office to intervene in certain proceedings. Requires Low-Income and Environmental Justice Advocate to convene advisory group to advise office in discharge of duties.

Requires office to report on activities of office to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to energy no later than December 1, 2021.

Directs commission to establish public process for investigating ways to address and mitigate, through nonbypassable means, differential energy burdens on classes of <i>electric company</i> public utility customers and other inequities of affordability and environmental justice. Requires commission to <i>eport findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to energy and business no later than September 15, 2020</i> incorporate findings into commission's 2020 report to Environmental Justice Task Force and Governor. Sunsets public process January 2, 2021.

NOTICE OF NO OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT