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House Bill 5654 (as discharged)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Clean, Renewable, and Efficient Energy Act to allow a municipally owned electric utility to comply with specific customer billing and reporting requirements by including certain information for a year in customers' bills.

Under the Act, each electric provider must submit to the Public Service Commission an annual report that provides information relating to the actions the provider has taken to comply with prescribed renewable energy standards. In addition, a municipally owned electric utility must submit a summary of the report to its governing body, and to customers in their bills with a bill insert.

Also, an electric provider must recover the incremental cost of compliance with the Act's renewable energy standards by an itemized charge on the customer's bill. In its billing statements for a residential customer, each provider must report specific information on the customer bill related to charges collected from the customer for implementing renewable energy and energy optimization program requirements and the estimated monthly savings resulting from the programs.

The bill provides that if, together with the summary of its report, a municipally owned electric utility submitted to its residential customers the required information for the year covered by the summary, the utility would be considered to be in compliance with the itemized billing requirements and the reporting requirements for that year.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government.

The bill would reduce the costs of municipally owned electric utilities by an unknown amount by permitting annual reporting of costs associated with implementation of renewable energy standards, instead of the monthly reporting on billing statements required under current law.

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