

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4303-01  
Bill No.: HB 2083  
Subject: Department of Social Services: Utilities  
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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
General Revenue	\$0	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown
Utilicare Stabilization	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Escheats	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials of the **State Courts Administrator** stated that the proposal would not affect their agency.

Officials of the **Department of Social Services' Division of Family Services** indicated that the proposal would provide additional resources for Energy Assistance Programs. They do not have information needed to estimate the amount of new funds which would be transferred into the Utilicare Stabilization Fund. However, they estimate that any new funds would be spent.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>UTILICARE STABILIZATION FUND</b>			
<u>Income</u> - Refunds of Natural Gas or Electric Rates	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Cost</u> - Transfer to General Revenue Fund	\$0	(\$0 to Unknown)	(\$0 to Unknown)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON UTILICARE STABILIZATION FUND</b>	<b><u>Unknown</u></b>	<b><u>Unknown</u></b>	<b><u>Unknown</u></b>
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Income</u> - Transfer from Utilicare Stabilization Fund	\$0	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 to Unknown</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 to Unknown</u></b>
<b>ESCHEATS FUND</b>			
<u>Loss</u> - Refunds of Natural Gas or Electric Rates	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON ESCHEATS FUND</b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small business would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would require the transfer of natural gas or electric rate refunds to the Utilicare Stabilization Fund if the refunds remain unclaimed for five years. Under current law, these funds escheat to the state of Missouri.

Transferred funds that not used for heating or cooling assistance within one year would revert to general revenue.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space. This legislation would not affect Total State Revenue.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services  
State Courts Administrator



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