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sHB-7087

AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to start a proceeding to establish a community solar energy generating pilot program, adopt regulations and conduct a study on the pilot program. This is not anticipated to result in an additional cost to PURA as they have the staff and resources necessary to complete the requirements contained within the bill.

Rate Payer Impact

The rate payer impact of the bill is indeterminate and would be dependent upon decisions made by electric distribution companies (EDC) and the development and approval of the community solar pilot program.

The bill establishes the development of a program that would rely on rate payer funds to support incentives and build the community solar pilot program, which could result in increased costs to rate payers. However, to the extent that customers (including municipalities) receive credits on their bills for a portion of the electricity the project generates, rate payers will experience savings.

The net impact, which is anticipated to yield overall savings, is

indeterminate and would be dependent upon various decisions related to the development and the execution of the pilot program that could offset savings and are outside the immediate scope of the bill.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None