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sSB-233

AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTIONS REGARDING RESIDENTIAL SOLAR AND ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 5160)

Senate Calendar No.: 173

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	60,979	78,638
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	22,821	30,427

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill adds requirements to sellers of residential solar photovoltaic or energy storage systems and makes violations an unfair trade practice resulting in a cost to the state. To meet the requirements of the bill the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) will need to hire one special investigator for a salary and other expenses cost of \$60,979 in FY 27² and \$78,638 in FY 28, along with associated fringe benefit costs of \$22,821 in FY 27 and \$30,427 in FY 28. The additional position is needed to monitor and investigate complaints and enforce the provisions of the bill.

The bill also makes various changes to the requirements of the solar

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

²Costs in FY 27 reflect nine months of expenditures due to the bills 10/1/26 effective date.

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photovoltaic system task force resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

Senate "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to employee wage increases and inflation.

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