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H.B. 389
(I_134_1663-7)
134th General Assembly

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: In House Public Utilities

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Seitz and Leland

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. It authorizes electric distribution utilities (EDUs) to seek approval from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for voluntary portfolios of energy savings programs (energy efficiency savings and peak demand reduction savings) to help customers save energy. The bill allows PUCO to conduct hearings on such portfolio applications and adopt any necessary rules related to energy savings programs. The bill prescribes several requirements for the energy savings portfolios, including at least one program to benefit low-income residential customers with an annual income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Participation among electric utility ratepayers, including the state and political subdivisions, is voluntary, so the associated charges are optional.

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The substitute bill (I_134_1663-7) makes changes to the required information that must be included in an EDU's application for a portfolio, and adds explicit authorization for PUCO to conduct hearings on the portfolio applications and adopt any necessary rules related to energy savings programs.

The fiscal effects of the substitute bill are the same as the As Introduced version.