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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Reported by 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 (i.e., 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. A plan must be for a term of not more than five years and abide by codified cost caps. Participation among electric utility ratepayers, including the state and political subdivisions, is voluntary, so the associated charges are optional.