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TO: Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1420 by Lucio (Relating to the sale of electric energy produced by distributed renewable generation owners.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to adopt rules to implement the provisions of the bill, including (1) the inclusion of information on purchasing excess energy on customers' bills; (2) the inclusion of information on purchases of excess energy on Retail Electric Provider and Utility websites and the PUC's "Power-to-Choose" website; (3) establishing criteria for assessing the viability of the market for excess renewable energy; and (4) the deployment of advanced meters in the event that the market for excess energy is found to be not viable.

The Public Utility Commission anticipates any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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