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sSB-421

AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING OF DOUBLE UTILITY POLES.

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill creates a process for public utility pole users and owners to transfer their wires and equipment from existing poles to replacement poles and then remove double utility poles, which does not result in a cost to the state or municipalities.

The bill also imposes a civil penalty of up to \$100 for each day that a utility pole user or owner remains in violation of the bill's requirements under various circumstances. It is anticipated that this will result in a minimal revenue gain to the Department of Social Services (DSS), which the bill requires be used to support the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (commonly known as LIHEAP).

### **Rate Payer Impact**

The bill could potentially achieve savings for electric customers, to the extent it results in costs caused by pole users to be appropriately allocated to those entities, rather than electric distribution companies. The amount of savings is indeterminate and will be based on a number of factors outside the immediate scope of the bill.

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***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of civil violations and the revenue collected.