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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

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**A BILL FOR**

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 2 customer billings.

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SP. 2245

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6 period not to exceed the term of the plan, the costs of an  
7 energy efficiency plan approved by the board, including  
8 amounts for a plan approved prior to July 1, 1996, in a  
9 contested case proceeding conducted pursuant to paragraph "c".  
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11 proceeding to evaluate the reasonableness and prudence of the  
12 utility's implementation of an approved energy efficiency plan  
13 and budget. If a utility is not taking all reasonable actions  
14 to cost-effectively implement an approved energy efficiency  
15 plan, the board shall not allow the utility to recover from  
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17 incurred under reasonable and prudent implementation and shall  
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19 than what the board determines to be reasonable and prudent.  
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23 were found to be imprudently conducted. The utility shall not  
24 represent energy efficiency and alternate energy in customer  
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26 ~~otherwise approves.~~

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29 recover the costs of an energy efficiency plan approved by the  
30 board from the utility's customers through an automatic  
31 adjustment mechanism. The utility is prohibited from  
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33 expense, the amount assessed to the customer for costs of the  
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