

Combined Public Benefits Programs at Risk from [SB 647](#)

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[System Benefits Charge](#) (as defined by OLR p3) is removed from bills and put into the CGA budget by SB 647 Page 1, line 5, & Page 3, lines 72-88. The following programs **are at risk** by having to compete with other things funded by the state (roads, state police, education, etc) and have to fit under the budget cap.

- [Operation Fuel](#), which gets fuel to neighbors who are running low and can't afford more. [OF helps Army Vet.](#)
- [Shutoff Protection](#), which does not allow the utility to shut off electricity to a home from Nov 1 to May 1
- **The Matching Payment Program (MPP)** [Eversource](#) or [UI](#), can lower the amount you owe on energy bills. For every dollar you pay and every dollar you receive from [the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program \(CEAP\)](#), the utility will subtract a dollar from the amount you owe.
- **The Low-Income Conservation Program (aka [HES-IE](#))**, which offers a full range of energy conservation measures to address inefficient lighting, water heating, inefficient heating equipment, refrigeration, and insufficient insulation. Eligibility is based on 60 percent of the state median income.
- [Low Income Discount Rate](#) for electricity, which allows folks (based on income) to pay a lower rate. [Patricia Wrice in support.](#) See [Latest PURA Docket](#)

[The Conservation & Load Management Charge](#) (as defined by OLR p3) funding is eliminated by SB 647, Page 6, lines 157-171. Gone are:

- [Home Energy Solutions](#) (residential)
- [Energy Opportunities](#) (Businesses)
- [Energy Efficient products](#)
- **Load Management** ([Load Shedding UI](#) residential p84, C&I p134, & [Load Shifting](#))

[The Renewable Energy Investment Charge](#) (as defined by OLR p2) funding is eliminated by SB 647, Page 7, line 195

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