S.230 – Energy Development Improvement Act Sen. Ashe Proposal <u>Pilot Project for Assistance to Citizens in PSB Proceedings</u>

Establish a two-year pilot project for a person to provide independent assistance to citizen participants in proceedings before the Public Service Board (PSB)

- Limited service position housed in Attorney General's office
- Must be an attorney
- Provides independent assistance and counsel to these participants
 - o Includes assistance in preparing documents submitted to the PSB
 - o Assists citizens who are representing themselves; does not appear before the PSB
- Funded by fee increase on applicants; if insufficient, remainder from PSB budget
- In lieu of Public Assistance Officer proposal in Secs. 18 and 19 of Sen. Natural report