

**2009 Regular Legislative Session**  
**FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
**Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office**

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** HB 2252                      **STATUS:** A-Engrossed  
**SUBJECT:** Extends the sunset for the Residential Service Protection Fund.  
**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Public Utility Commission  
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	<u><b>2009-2011</b></u>	<u><b>2011-2013</b></u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b> See Analysis		

**REVENUES:**  
See Analysis

**POSITIONS / FTE:**  
See Analysis

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** On Passage; extends sunset from January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2020

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE:** This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**ANALYSIS:** House Bill 2252 extends the sunset on the Residential Service Protection Fund (RSPF) from January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2020.

Currently, there are 7 positions (6.50 FTE) associated with this program, at a biennial cost of \$9,393,427 Other Funds. The program ensures that residential telephone service is available to all Oregonians, and includes programs that provide access to assistive telephone devices; telecommunications relay services; and emergency medical certifications to protect eligible persons from the disconnection of medically needed telephone services. RSPF is funded with a surcharge on telephone subscribers, and provides assistance to low-income customers.

The extension of the sunset does not create a new cost or generate new revenue, but does extend existing revenue and costs. This extension is reflected in the PUC 2009-11 budget.