

B-Engrossed
House Bill 3153

Ordered by the House May 5
Including House Amendments dated May 5 and May 27

Sponsored by Representative CLEM; Representatives BOONE, C EDWARDS

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires utility provider to [*make reasonable effort to locate utility transmission and distribution lines in exclusive farm use zones so that lines have least practical impact on farming operations*] **consult with owners of high-value farmland for purpose of locating and constructing transmission line in manner that minimizes impact on farming operations.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to utility facilities.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"High-value farmland" has the meaning given that term in ORS 195.300.**

6 (b) **"Transmission line" means a linear utility facility by which a utility provider trans-**
7 **fers the utility product in bulk from a point of origin or generation, or between transfer**
8 **stations, to the point at which the utility product is transferred to distribution lines for de-**
9 **livery to end users.**

10 (2) **If the criteria described in ORS 215.275 for siting a utility facility on land zoned for**
11 **exclusive farm use are met for a utility facility that is a transmission line, the utility pro-**
12 **vider shall, after the route is approved by the siting authorities and before construction of**
13 **the transmission line begins, consult with the owners of high-value farmland in the planned**
14 **route for the purpose of locating and constructing the transmission line in a manner that**
15 **minimizes the impact on farming operations on high-value farmland.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.