

House Bill 3446

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Steve Kafoury)

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 **as introduced**.

Requires Public Utility Commission to require electric companies to collect surcharge from customers for costs of research related to how alternative energy production may promote conservation and enhancement of wildlife.

Establishes State Fish and Wildlife Alternative Energy Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in fund to State Fish and Wildlife Commission for wildlife conservation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to alternative energy; appropriating money; and providing for revenue raising that requires
3 approval by a three-fifths majority.

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

5 **SECTION 1. The Public Utility Commission shall require electric companies to collect a**
6 **surcharge of \$_____ from retail electricity customers for electricity services, distribution,**
7 **ancillary services, metering and billing, transition charges and other types of costs included**
8 **in electric rates as of the effective date of this 2009 Act, to be paid into the State Fish and**
9 **Wildlife Alternative Energy Fund, for the costs of:**

10 (1) **Research related to how alternative energy production may promote the conservation**
11 **and enhancement of wildlife;**

12 (2) **Efforts to mitigate the effects of energy production on wildlife; and**

13 (3) **Acquisition of lands for the benefit of wildlife.**

14 **SECTION 2. The State Fish and Wildlife Alternative Energy Fund is established in the**
15 **State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the State**
16 **Fish and Wildlife Alternative Energy Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund**
17 **are continuously appropriated to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission for the purposes**
18 **specified in section 1 of this 2009 Act.**

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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.