

Senate Bill 673

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY

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Removes limitation on payments for funding cost-effective energy conservation measures by large retail electricity consumer. Removes limitation on large retail electricity consumer receiving direct benefit from energy conservation measures if costs of measures are included in rates.

Declares emergency, effective August 1, 2011.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to large retail electricity consumers; amending ORS 757.689; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 757.689 is amended to read:

5 757.689. [(1)] In addition to the public purpose charge established by ORS 757.612, the Public
6 Utility Commission may authorize an electric company to include in its rates the costs of funding
7 or implementing cost-effective energy conservation measures implemented on or after June 6, 2007.
8 The costs may include amounts for weatherization programs that conserve energy.

9 [(2) *The commission shall ensure that a retail electricity consumer with a load greater than one*
10 *average megawatt:*]

11 [(a) *Is not required to pay an amount that is more than three percent of the consumer's total cost*
12 *of electricity service for the public purpose charge under ORS 757.612 and any amounts included in*
13 *rates under this section; and*]

14 [(b) *Does not receive any direct benefit from energy conservation measures if the costs of the*
15 *measures are included in rates under this section.*]

16 **SECTION 2.** **This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
17 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
18 **August 1, 2011.**

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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.