

# Senate Bill 706

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

## 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 establish parameters for energy studies of public utilities. Requires public utilities to conduct energy studies. Requires Public Utility Commission to provide Legislative Assembly with report on results of energy studies.

Sunsets January 2, 2014.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to energy studies by public utilities; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "public utility" means a public utility as defined**  
5 **in ORS 757.005 that provides electricity service or natural gas service.**

6 **(2) By December 31, 2011, the Public Utility Commission shall establish, through a public**  
7 **process, parameters for energy studies to be performed by public utilities.**

8 **(3) As part of the parameters specified in subsection (2) of this section, the Public Utility**  
9 **Commission shall, after consulting with the Department of Environmental Quality and other**  
10 **relevant state agencies:**

11 **(a) Identify resources that are technically feasible and commercially available to meet**  
12 **the existing demand, as well as the projected future demand in light of projected future**  
13 **technologies, for electricity service and natural gas service.**

14 **(b) Specify scenarios that public utilities must analyze as part of the energy study, in-**  
15 **cluding but not limited to:**

16 **(A) Scenarios under which each public utility meets the greenhouse gas emissions re-**  
17 **duction goal set forth in ORS 468A.205 of achieving greenhouse gas levels that are 10 percent**  
18 **below 1990 levels by 2020.**

19 **(B) Scenarios that specify other targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions that are**  
20 **attributable to meeting the energy needs of the customers of the public utility in this state.**

21 **(C) Scenarios that require public utilities to determine the maximum amount of**  
22 **greenhouse gas emissions reductions that can be achieved without exceeding a specified rate**  
23 **impact.**

24 **(4) In addition to the parameters specified in subsection (2) of this section, the Public**  
25 **Utility Commission shall, after consulting with the Department of Environmental Quality**  
26 **and other relevant state agencies, identify other factors that each public utility must con-**  
27 **sider as part of its energy study, including but not limited to:**

28 **(a) Federal policies, objectives and requirements, and the policies, objectives and re-**  
29 **quirements of this and other states, including market-based mechanisms.**

30 **(b) Net reductions of greenhouse gas emissions associated with switching from heating**

**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.

1 oil and transportation fuels to natural gas or electricity in homes and vehicles.

2 (c) Allowable economic fuel switching between electricity and natural gas.

3 (5) By June 30, 2012, each public utility shall complete the energy study described in this  
4 section, analyzing the impacts of each scenario specified by the Public Utility Commission  
5 under this section on:

6 (a) Costs, including avoided cost;

7 (b) Rates;

8 (c) Reliability of service; and

9 (d) Amount of greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

10 (6) After consulting with the Department of Environmental Quality and other relevant  
11 state agencies regarding the energy studies, the Public Utility Commission shall report the  
12 results of the energy studies to the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly by March 1, 2013.

13 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on January 2, 2014.

14 SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
15 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect  
16 on its passage.

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