

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates:	4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Public Utility Commission to set, by rule, filing dates for public utility budget documents. Clarifies which regulations apply to water utilities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Utilities sometimes need to file supplemental reports due to inflexible due dates
- Streamlined water regulation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under current law, public utilities are required to submit certain financial and budgetary reports to the Public Utility Commission (PUC) by November 1 of each year. Many utilities have difficulty meeting the November deadline because the needed information is not available at that time. House Bill 2266 removes the mandatory filing date and permits the PUC flexibility to prescribe dates by rule to better coordinate with a utility's operating practices.

House Bill 2266 also addresses regulations related to water utilities. Legislation enacted in 2011 addressed service regulation and rate regulation of water utilities. Three statutes related to rate regulation continue to apply to service-related water companies. House Bill 2266 exempts service-related water companies from these three statutes – ORS 757.225 (collecting for service in accordance with schedules), ORS 757.245 (establishment of joint rates) and ORS 757.355 (cost of unused property exclusion from rate base exception). The exemption clarifies the intent of the 2011 legislation, creates consistency and reduces the chances of confusion.