

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2203

Ordered by the House April 15
Including House Amendments dated April 15

Sponsored by Representative SMITH (at the request of Umatilla Electric Cooperative) (Pre-session filed.)

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.

[Prohibits person from constructing electricity transmission line unless person is public utility or person that has entered into contract with public utility, and construction takes place in public utility's service area.]

Requires certain persons who apply for permit with Energy Facility Siting Council or with county to build transmission line to notify people's utility district, municipal utility, electric cooperative and public utility in whose service territory transmission line will be constructed of intent to receive approval for construction.

Requires each person subject to Public Utility Commission's safety rules and regulations and who engages in operation of electric power line to provide commission with certain contact information.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to utility rights of way.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2013 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**
5 **chapter 758.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

7 **(a) "Public utility" has the meaning given that term in ORS 757.005.**

8 **(b) "Transmission line" means a linear utility facility by which a utility provider trans-**
9 **mits or transfers electricity from a point of origin or generation or between transfer**
10 **stations.**

11 **(2) A person who applies for a permit with the Energy Facility Siting Council or with a**
12 **county to build a transmission line must notify each people's utility district organized under**
13 **ORS chapter 261, municipal utility organized under ORS chapter 225, electric cooperative**
14 **organized under ORS chapter 62 and public utility in whose service territory the trans-**
15 **mission line will be constructed of the intent to receive approval for the construction of the**
16 **transmission line unless the person is:**

17 **(a) A people's utility district organized under ORS chapter 261, a municipal utility or-**
18 **ganized under ORS chapter 225 or an electric cooperative organized under ORS chapter 62;**
19 **or**

20 **(b) A public utility.**

21 **SECTION 3. (1) Each person who is subject to the Public Utility Commission's authority**
22 **under ORS 757.035 and who engages in the operation of an electric power line as described**
23 **in ORS 757.035 must provide the commission with the following information before January**

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 **2 of each even-numbered year:**

2 (a) **The name and contact information of the person that is responsible for the operation**
3 **and maintenance of the electric power line, and for ensuring that the electric power line is**
4 **safe, on an ongoing basis; and**

5 (b) **The name and contact information of the person who is responsible for responding**
6 **to conditions that present an imminent threat to the safety of employees, customers and the**
7 **public.**

8 (2) **In the event that the contact information described in subsection (1) of this section**
9 **changes or that ownership of the electric power line changes, the person who engages in the**
10 **operation of the electric power line must notify the commission of the change as soon as**
11 **practicable, but no later than within 90 days.**

12 (3) **If the person described in subsection (1) of this section is not the public utility, as**
13 **defined in ORS 757.005, in whose service territory the electric power line is located, the**
14 **commission shall make the information provided to the commission under subsection (1) of**
15 **this section available to the public utility in whose service territory the electric power line**
16 **is located.**

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