

House Bill 2939

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

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 comparative energy usage disclosure program for purpose of informing residential customers of public utilities that distribute electricity or natural gas of comparative energy usage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to comparative energy usage.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 757.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) The Public Utility Commission shall establish a comparative energy usage**
6 **disclosure program under which a public utility that distributes electricity or natural gas**
7 **shall provide personalized paper reports and, at the discretion of the public utility, supple-**
8 **mental electronic communications to residential customers who are located in the public**
9 **utility's service area. Reports provided under this section must:**

10 (a) **Compare the amount of electricity or natural gas used by the customer to the amount**
11 **of electricity or natural gas used by other residential customers who live in the customer's**
12 **geographic area; and**

13 (b) **Provide personalized advice to assist the customer in using less electricity or natural**
14 **gas.**

15 (2) **A residential customer is not eligible to receive a report under this section if the**
16 **customer, as determined by the commission, uses electricity or natural gas under special**
17 **circumstances requiring abnormally low or high electricity or natural gas usage.**

18 (3) **A residential customer may request to not receive reports under this section.**

19 (4) **The program established under this section shall be provided to residential customers**
20 **in a manner that maximizes savings and cost-effectiveness.**

21 (5) **The program established under this section shall require use of a randomized control**
22 **trial to compare residential customers receiving reports under this section and residential**
23 **customers not receiving reports under this section. The randomized control trial shall**
24 **measure energy savings resulting from the program at a level of statistical significance es-**
25 **tablished by the commission. Energy savings as measured by the randomized control trial**
26 **may be used by a public utility as an energy resource for resource planning purposes.**

27 (6) **The program established under this section may require a public utility to enter into**
28 **an agreement with a third party organization for the provision of reports to residential**
29 **customers.**

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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.