



Oregon's Consumer-Owned Utilities Position on HB 2599

- HB 2599 has been *significantly improved* from the original version that called for a moratorium on disconnection for certain classes of customers during certain periods of time.
- Consumer-Owned Utilities (COUs) seek every alternate method to collect funds, using disconnect as a last resort. Our utilities have a long track record of assisting consumers with low income aid and offering payment arrangements.
- House Bill 2599, as passed by the Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness Committee, requires COUs to report disconnect process to the Oregon Department of Energy. We believe a better alternative is to report to our respective governing bodies. We will support efforts in the Senate to make this change. Accordingly, COUs have no concerns moving forward on the House floor.

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