

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2599

By COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVENESS

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “service;” delete the rest of the line and line 3 and
2 insert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 29 and delete pages 2 through 4 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 **“(a) ‘Heating season’ means a billing period for a residential customer of a utility any**
6 **portion of which occurs between December 1 and February 15.**

7 **“(b) ‘Residential customer belonging to a protected class’ means a person who is a resi-**
8 **dential customer of a utility who receives state or federal heating assistance and who is:**

9 **“(A) A low-income senior citizen;**

10 **“(B) An active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States;**

11 **“(C) A customer whose household includes a seriously ill individual or a person with a**
12 **disability;**

13 **“(D) A customer whose household includes a child under the age of 12 months;**

14 **“(E) A customer who belongs to a household where the member of the household whose**
15 **earnings are the primary source of support for the household has died within the past six**
16 **months; or**

17 **“(F) A customer who belongs to a household where the member of the household whose**
18 **earnings are the primary source of support for the household has lost a job within the past**
19 **six months.**

20 **“(c) ‘Utility’ means a public utility as defined in ORS 757.005, an electric cooperative or-**
21 **ganized under ORS chapter 62, a municipal utility organized under ORS chapter 225 or a**
22 **people’s utility district organized under ORS chapter 261.**

23 **“(2) Each utility that provides electric or natural gas service to residential customers**
24 **shall prepare a report on the utility’s processes that mitigate, for nonpayment of a delin-**
25 **quent account, the termination of electric or natural gas service to a residential customer**
26 **belonging to a protected class if the termination would occur:**

27 **“(a) During the heating season;**

28 **“(b) On any date for which the National Weather Service forecasts that the temperature**
29 **of a location both within this state and the service territory of the utility will exceed 100**
30 **degrees Fahrenheit for a period of 12 or more hours; or**

31 **“(c) On any date for which the National Weather Service forecasts that the temperature**
32 **of a location both within this state and the service territory of the utility will be less than**
33 **32 degrees Fahrenheit for a period of 12 or more hours.**

34 **“(3) A public utility, as defined in ORS 757.005, that provides electric or natural gas ser-**
35 **vices to residential customers shall submit the report described in subsection (2) of this**

1 section to the Public Utility Commission no later than November 1, 2015.

2 “(4) The governing body of each electric cooperative organized under ORS chapter 62,
3 municipal utility organized under ORS chapter 225 and people’s utility district organized un-
4 der ORS chapter 261 shall submit the report described in subsection (2) of this section to the
5 State Department of Energy no later than November 1, 2015.

6 “SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
7 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
8 on its passage.”

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