

House Bill 2946

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

SUMMARY

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Allows Public Utility Commission to authorize electric company to include in its rates cost of funding and implementing cost-effective energy conservation for certain retail electricity consumers above that currently allowed in statute.

Specifies that commission shall make authorizations in manner that ensures that funding and implementation of all cost-effective energy conservation measures benefit each class of retail electricity consumers equally.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to cost-effective energy conservation measures; amending ORS 757.689.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 757.689 is amended to read:

757.689. (1) In addition to the public purpose charge established by ORS 757.612, the Public Utility Commission may authorize **by rule or order** an electric company to include in its rates the [costs] **cost** of funding or implementing a cost-effective energy conservation [measures implemented on or after June 6, 2007. The costs may include amounts for weatherization programs that conserve energy.] **measure, including a weatherization program that conserves energy.**

[*(2) The commission shall ensure that a retail electricity consumer with a load greater than one average megawatt:*]

[*(a) Is not required to pay an amount that is more than three percent of the consumer's total cost of electricity service for the public purpose charge under ORS 757.612 and any amounts included in rates under this section; and*]

[*(b) Does not receive any direct benefit from energy conservation measures if the costs of the measures are included in rates under this section.*]

(2) A rule adopted or order issued under this section shall:

(a) Specify each class of retail electricity consumer that receives a benefit from the cost-effective energy conservation measure; and

(b) Allow recovery from each class of retail electricity consumer that is proportionate to the proportion of the benefit received.

(3) To the extent practicable, the commission shall make authorizations under this section in a manner that ensures that the funding and implementation of all cost-effective energy conservation measures benefit each class of retail electricity consumers equally.

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.