

House Bill 3305

Sponsored by Representative NEARMAN

SUMMARY

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Prohibits utility or service provider that bills residential tenant directly for utility or service to dwelling unit from billing amounts not paid by former tenant to landlord or to subsequent tenant in dwelling unit.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to nonpayment of utility bill by residential tenant; creating new provisions; and amending
3 ORS 757.225.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 757.225 is amended to read:

6 757.225. (1) [*No*] **A public utility [*shall*] may not** charge, demand, collect or receive a greater
7 or less compensation for any service performed by it within the state, or for any service in con-
8 nection therewith, than is specified in printed rate schedules as may at the time be in force, or de-
9 mand, collect or receive any rate not specified in such schedule. The rates named therein are the
10 lawful rates until they are changed as provided in ORS 757.210 to 757.220.

11 **(2) When a residential dwelling is occupied as a dwelling unit pursuant to ORS chapter**
12 **90 and the tenant receives a utility or service, and the bill for the utility or service, directly**
13 **from the utility or service provider, as described in ORS 90.315 (2) or 90.532 (1)(a):**

14 **(a) The tenant is responsible for paying the cost of the utility or service.**

15 **(b) The landlord is not responsible for paying the cost of the utility or service.**

16 **(c) If the utility or service is disconnected for nonpayment and the landlord notifies the**
17 **utility or service provider that the tenant responsible for paying the bill has moved from the**
18 **dwelling unit, the provider shall restore the utility or service to the dwelling unit at the re-**
19 **quest of the landlord or a new tenant in the dwelling unit.**

20 **SECTION 2.** Section 3 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 757.270 to
21 **757.290.**

22 **SECTION 3.** When a residential dwelling is occupied as a dwelling unit pursuant to ORS
23 chapter 90 and the tenant receives a utility or service, and the bill for the utility or service,
24 directly from the utility or service provider, as described in ORS 90.315 (2) or 90.532 (1)(a):

25 **(1) The tenant is responsible for paying the cost of the utility or service.**

26 **(2) The landlord is not responsible for paying the cost of the utility or service.**

27 **(3) If the utility or service is disconnected for nonpayment and the landlord notifies the**
28 **utility or service provider that the tenant responsible for paying the bill has moved from the**
29 **dwelling unit, the provider shall restore the utility or service to the dwelling unit at the re-**
30 **quest of the landlord or a new tenant in the dwelling unit.**

31 **SECTION 4.** Section 3 of this 2015 Act and the amendments to ORS 757.225 by section 1

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 **of this 2015 Act apply to amounts billed for a utility or service on or after the effective date**
2 **of this 2015 Act.**

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