

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2599**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “service;” delete the rest of the
2 line and line 3 and 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 cus-**
6 **tomer of a utility any portion of which occurs between December 1 and**
7 **February 15.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **“(F) A customer who belongs to a household where the member of**
22 **the household whose earnings are the primary source of support for**

1 the household has lost a job within the past six months.

2 “(c) ‘Utility’ means a public utility as defined in ORS 757.005, an
3 electric cooperative organized under ORS chapter 62, a municipal
4 utility organized under ORS chapter 225 or a people’s utility district
5 organized under ORS chapter 261.

6 “(2) Each utility that provides electric or natural gas service to
7 residential customers shall prepare a report on the utility’s processes
8 that mitigate, for nonpayment of a delinquent account, the termi-
9 nation of electric or natural gas service to a residential customer be-
10 longing to a protected class if the termination would occur:

11 “(a) During the heating season;

12 “(b) On any date for which the National Weather Service forecasts
13 that the temperature of a location both within this state and the ser-
14 vice territory of the utility will exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit for a
15 period of 12 or more hours; or

16 “(c) On any date for which the National Weather Service forecasts
17 that the temperature of a location both within this state and the ser-
18 vice territory of the utility will be less than 32 degrees Fahrenheit for
19 a period of 12 or more hours.

20 “(3) A public utility, as defined in ORS 757.005, that provides electric
21 or natural gas services to residential customers shall submit the re-
22 port described in subsection (2) of this section to the Public Utility
23 Commission no later than November 1, 2015.

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

29 **“SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate**
30 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**

1 **declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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