

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that the term “public utility” does not include people’s utility districts or electric cooperatives for the purpose of regulation by the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Public Utility Commission (PUC) regulates customer rates and services of the state’s investor-owned electric, natural gas and telephone utilities, as well as certain water companies. Senate Bill 1547 clarifies the definition of “public utility” to specify that the PUC does not have regulatory authority over people’s utility districts and electric cooperatives.