

**HB 2134 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee On Business and Transportation**

**Carrier:** Sen. Riley

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**Action Date:** 05/15/17  
**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0-0  
**Yeas:** 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen  
**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued  
**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies the process by which the Public Utility Commission collects moneys from electric companies for purposes related to low-income electric bill payment assistance. Raises the amount that can be collected from \$15 million to \$20 million. Takes effect on January 2, 2018.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Important program for helping low-income Oregonians

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 461 (2007), directing the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to establish a rate to be collected by each electric company sufficient to generate \$15 million to provide bill payment assistance for low-income Oregonians. Senate Bill 863 (2011) directed PUC to collect an additional \$5 million per year for the program in the event that certain criteria were met; this additional allocation was scheduled to sunset on January 2, 2014, but was extended in 2013 (House Bill 2004) and 2015 (House Bill 3257). The additional \$5 million is currently scheduled to sunset on January 2, 2018.

House Bill 2134-A does not extend the sunset on the additional \$5 million collection; instead, the measure increases the originally authorized \$15 million to \$20 million, effective the day that the additional \$5 million is scheduled to sunset.