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Requested by Representative BENTZ

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3386

1	On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after "468A.275" insert ", 469A.200,
2	646.932, 757.612 and 757.613".
3	Delete lines 5 through 28 and delete pages 2 through 6 and insert:
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5	"LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARDS; COST CONTAINMENT
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7	"SECTION 1. (1) Sections 2 and 4 to 7 of this 2017 Act are added to
8	and made a part of ORS chapter 468A.
9	"(2) ORS 468A.275 is added to and made a part of sections 2 to 7 of
10	this 2017 Act.
11	"SECTION 2. As used in sections 2 to 7 of this 2017 Act:
12	"(1) 'Biodiesel' means a motor vehicle fuel consisting of mono-alkyl
13	esters of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils, animal fats
l4	or other nonpetroleum resources, not including palm oil.
15	"(2) 'Compliance credit' means an instrument issued by a compli-
16	ance credit generator that may be used by a regulated party in place
L7	of a credit to demonstrate compliance with the low carbon fuel stan-
18	dards.
19	"(3) 'Compliance credit generator' means the nongovernmental en-
20	tity that has entered into an agreement with the Department of En-

vironmental Quality to issue compliance credits.

- "(4) 'Credit' means a unit of measure, expressed in metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent that is generated when the carbon intensity of a fuel that is produced, imported, dispensed or used in Oregon is less than the applicable low carbon fuel standard.
- "(5) 'Deficit' means a unit of measure, expressed in metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, that is generated when the carbon intensity of a fuel that is produced, imported, dispensed or used in Oregon exceeds the applicable low carbon fuel standard.
- 9 "(6) 'Greenhouse gas' has the meaning given that term in ORS 10 468A.210.
- "(7) 'Low carbon fuel standards' means standards adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission by rule under ORS 468A.275 for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, on average, per unit of fuel energy.
- 15 "(8) 'Motor vehicle' has the meaning given that term in ORS 16 801.360.
  - "(9) 'Regulated party' means a person responsible for complying with the low carbon fuel standards.
- **"SECTION 3.** ORS 468A.275 is amended to read:
- 20 "468A.275. [(1) As used in this section:]

- "[(a) 'Greenhouse gas' has the meaning given that term in ORS 468A.210.]
- "[(b) 'Low carbon fuel standards' means standards for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, on average, per unit of fuel energy.]
- "[(c) 'Motor vehicle' has the meaning given that term in ORS 801.360.]
- "[(2)(a)] (1) The Environmental Quality Commission shall adopt by rule low carbon fuel standards for gasoline, diesel and fuels used as substitutes for gasoline or diesel.
- "[(b)] (2) The commission may adopt the following related to the standards, including but not limited to:
- "[(A)] (a) A schedule to phase in implementation of the standards in a

- 1 manner that reduces the average amount of greenhouse gas emissions per
- 2 unit of fuel energy of the fuels by 10 percent below 2010 levels by the year
- 3 2025 or by a later date if the commission determines that an extension is
- 4 appropriate to implement the standards;
- "[(B)] (b) Standards for greenhouse gas emissions attributable to the fuels
- 6 throughout their lifecycles, including but not limited to emissions from the
- 7 production, storage, transportation and combustion of the fuels and from
- 8 changes in land use associated with the fuels;
- "(C)" (c) Provisions allowing the use of all types of low carbon fuels to
- meet the low carbon fuel standards, including but not limited to biofuels,
- biogas, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, gasoline, diesel, hydrogen and
- 12 electricity;
- "(D)] (d) Standards for the issuance of deferrals, established with ade-
- quate lead time, as necessary to ensure adequate fuel supplies;
- "[(E)] (e) Exemptions for fuels that are used in volumes below thresholds
- 16 established by the commission;
- "(F)] (f) Standards, specifications, testing requirements and other meas-
- ures as needed to ensure the quality of fuels produced in accordance with
- 19 the low carbon fuel standards, including but not limited to the requirements
- of ORS 646.910 to 646.923 and administrative rules adopted by the State De-
- 21 partment of Agriculture for motor fuel quality; and
- "[(G)] (g) Adjustments to the amounts of greenhouse gas emissions per
- 23 unit of fuel energy assigned to fuels for combustion and drive train effi-
- 24 ciency.
- "[(c)] (3) Before adopting standards under this section, the commission
- 26 shall consider the low carbon fuel standards of other states[, including but
- 27 not limited to Washington,] for the purpose of determining schedules and
- 28 goals for the reduction of the average amount of greenhouse gas emissions
- 29 per unit of fuel energy and the default values for these reductions for ap-
- 30 plicable fuels.

"[(d) The commission shall adopt by rule provisions for managing and containing the costs of compliance with the standards, including but not limited to provisions to facilitate compliance with the standards by ensuring that persons may obtain credits for fuels used as substitutes for gasoline or diesel

and by creating opportunities for persons to trade credits.]

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- "[(e)] (4) The commission shall exempt from the standards any person who imports in a calendar year less than 500,000 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, in total. Any fuel imported by persons that are related or share common ownership or control shall be aggregated together to determine whether a person is exempt under this [paragraph] subsection.
  - "[(f)(A) The commission by rule shall prohibit fuels that contain biodiesel from being considered an alternative fuel under these standards unless the fuel meets the following standards:]
  - "[(i) Fuel that consists entirely of biodiesel, designated as B100, shall comply with ASTM D 6751 and shall have an oxidation stability induction period of not less than eight hours as determined by the test method described in European standard EN 15751; and]
  - "[(ii) Fuel that consists of a blend of diesel fuel and between 6 and 20 volume percent biodiesel, and designated as biodiesel blends B6 to B20, shall comply with ASTM D 7467 and shall have an oxidation stability induction period of not less than 20 hours as determined by the test method described in European standard EN 15751.]
  - "[(B) The commission may adopt rules different from those required under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph if an ASTM or EN standard applicable to biodiesel is approved or amended after March 12, 2015, or if the commission finds that different rules are necessary due to changes in technology or fuel testing or production methods.]
- "[(C) As used in this subsection, 'biodiesel' means a motor vehicle fuel consisting of mono-alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils, animal fats or other nonpetroleum resources, not including palm oil.]

- "[(3) In adopting rules under this section, the Environmental Quality
- 2 Commission shall evaluate:
- "[(a) Safety, feasibility, net reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and
- 4 cost-effectiveness;]
- "[(b) Potential adverse impacts to public health and the environment, in-
- 6 cluding but not limited to air quality, water quality and the generation and
- 7 disposal of waste in this state;]
- 8 "[(c) Flexible implementation approaches to minimize compliance costs;
- 9 *and*]
- "[(d) Technical and economic studies of comparable greenhouse gas emis-
- sions reduction measures implemented in other states and any other studies
- 12 as determined by the commission.]
- "(4)(a) The provisions of this section do not apply to fuel that is demon-
- 14 strated to have been used in any of the following:]
- "[(A) Motor vehicles registered as farm vehicles under the provisions of
- 16 *ORS 805.300.*]
- "[(B) Farm tractors, as defined in ORS 801.265.]
- "[(C) Implements of husbandry, as defined in ORS 801.310.]
- "[(D) Motor trucks, as defined in ORS 801.355, used primarily to transport
- 20 *logs*.]
- "[(E) Motor vehicles that are not designed primarily to transport persons
- or property, that are operated on highways only incidentally, and that are used
- 23 primarily for construction work.]
- "[(F) Watercraft.]"
- "[(G) Railroad locomotives.]
- 26 "[(b) The Environmental Quality Commission shall by rule adopt standards
- 27 for persons to qualify for the exemptions provided in this subsection.]
- 28 "SECTION 4. (1) The Environmental Quality Commission by rule
- 29 shall prohibit fuel that contain biodiesel from being considered an al-
- 30 ternative fuel under the low carbon fuel standards adopted under ORS

- 468A.275 unless the fuel meets the following standards:
- "(a) Fuel that consists entirely of biodiesel, designated as B100, shall comply with ASTM D 6751 and shall have an oxidation stability induction period of not less than eight hours as determined by the test method described in European standard EN 15751; and
- "(b) Fuel that consists of a blend of diesel fuel and between 6 and 20 volume percent biodiesel, and designated as biodiesel blends B6 to B20, shall comply with ASTM D 7467 and shall have an oxidation stability induction period of not less than 20 hours as determined by the test method described in European standard EN 15751.
  - "(2) The commission may adopt rules different from those required under subsection (1) of this section if an ASTM or EN standard applicable to biodiesel is approved or amended after March 12, 2015, or if the commission finds that different rules are necessary due to changes in technology or fuel testing or production methods.
  - "SECTION 5. (1) In order to facilitate compliance with the low carbon fuel standards adopted under ORS 468A.275, the Environmental Quality Commission shall adopt by rule a program in which:
  - "(a) Regulated parties generate deficits and may reconcile the deficits, and thus be in compliance with the low carbon fuel standards for a compliance period, by obtaining credits; and
    - "(b) Persons shall have opportunities to trade credits.
- "(2) The program adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission under this section must include provisions for managing and containing the costs of compliance with the low carbon fuel standards. Provisions required by this subsection must include, but need not be limited to, provisions for the use of compliance credits to demonstrate compliance with the low carbon fuel standards. Provisions for the use of compliance credits must provide that:
  - "(a) Compliance credits may not be banked; and

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"(b) Compliance credits may not be traded.

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- "SECTION 6. (1) Under the program adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission pursuant to section 5 of this 2017 Act, the Department of Environmental Quality may enter into an agreement with a nongovernmental entity for the nongovernmental entity to serve as the compliance credit generator. The agreement entered into under
- 7 this section must require the compliance credit generator to:
- 8 "(a) Offer for transfer to regulated parties an unlimited quantity 9 of compliance credits.
- "(b) Transfer compliance credits at a price of \$75 per compliance credit.
- "(c) Use funds received through the transfer of compliance credits for:
  - "(A) Providing grants to Oregon's post-secondary institutions of education to research, in partnership with manufacturers, low carbon intensity transportation technology;
  - "(B) Establishing and managing a revolving loan fund to provide loans for the manufacture of products in Oregon that will reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions;
  - "(C) Providing grants to school districts that do not provide transportation to students on school buses, as defined in ORS 801.460, for the costs incurred to provide transportation to students on a commercial bus operated by a city or county, a mass transit district established under ORS 267.010 to 267.390 or a transportation district established under ORS 267.510 to 267.650; or
  - "(D) Establishing and managing a rebate program to provide rebates to low income persons for the purchase in this state of alternative fuel or zero-emission vehicles, under which an alternative fuel or zero-emission vehicle for which a person receives a rebate must be:
    - "(i) Registered in this state; and

- "(ii) Used to replace a motor vehicle powered by a combustion engine.
- "(d) Use any funds collected through public purpose charges and received from an electric company or Oregon Community Power pursuant to ORS 757.612 for transportation electrification as that term is defined in section 20, chapter 28, Oregon Laws 2016, that benefits:
- "(A) The service area of the electric company that collected the funds; or
  - "(B) If Oregon Community Power collected the funds, the service area of Oregon Community Power.
  - "(e) Regularly provide the commission with timely and detailed information on the activities under paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subsection that the compliance credit generator has funded in whole or in part by funds received by the compliance credit generator through the transfer of compliance credits.
  - "(f) Include on the governing body of the compliance credit generator an ex officio member designated by the department, who shall also serve on the compliance credit generator's nominating committee for filling governing body vacancies.
  - "(g) Allow the department to inspect, after providing notice, any financial record related to the activities under paragraph (c) of this subsection that are funded in whole or in part by funds received by the compliance credit generator through the transfer of compliance credits.
  - "(h) Arrange, during the term of the agreement, to be audited by the Secretary of State or an independent auditor selected by the Secretary of State, and provide to the department all records related to the audit.
- "(i) Ensure that each officer of the compliance credit generator and each member of the governing body of the compliance credit genera-

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- "(A) Files with the department on or before April 15 of each year a statement disclosing the economic interests of the officer or member that contains the same information as a statement of economic interest described in ORS 244.060;
- "(B) At meetings of the governing body of the compliance credit generator, declares any actual conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, as those terms are defined in ORS 244.020, whenever an actual conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest arises; and
- "(C) At meetings of the governing body of the compliance credit generator, abstains from participating in any discussion or decision-making process involving an actual conflict of interest as defined in ORS 244.020.
- "(2) An agreement entered into under this section must be for a term that does not exceed one year, but may be renewed upon the expiration of a term.
- "(3) The department shall post all information received by the department pursuant to this section on a website of the department.
- "(4) On or before February 1 of each year, the department shall report to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the manner required by ORS 192.245, a summary of all activities by the compliance credit generator under subsection (1)(c) and (d) of this section that are funded in whole or in part by funds received by the compliance credit generator through the transfer of compliance credits and under ORS 757.612, and an estimate of the greenhouse gas emissions reduced through the activities, expressed in metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.
- "(5) The commission may adopt rules to implement this section.
- "SECTION 7. (1) In adopting rules under sections 2 to 7 of this 2017

  Act, the Environmental Quality Commission shall evaluate:

- "(a) Safety, feasibility, net reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and cost-effectiveness;
- "(b) Potential adverse impacts to public health and the environment, including but not limited to air quality, water quality and the generation and disposal of waste in this state;
- 6 "(c) Flexible implementation approaches to minimize compliance 7 costs; and
- "(d) Technical and economic studies of comparable greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures implemented in other states and any other studies as determined by the commission.
- "(2)(a) The provisions of sections 2 to 7 of this 2017 Act do not apply to fuel that is demonstrated to have been used in any of the following:
- "(A) Motor vehicles registered as farm vehicles under the provisions of ORS 805.300.
  - "(B) Farm tractors, as defined in ORS 801.265.
- 16 "(C) Implements of husbandry, as defined in ORS 801.310.
- 17 "(D) Motor trucks, as defined in ORS 801.355, used primarily to 18 transport logs.
- "(E) Motor vehicles that are not designed primarily to transport persons or property, that are operated on highways only incidentally, and that are used primarily for construction work.
  - "(F) Watercraft.

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- "(G) Railroad locomotives.
- 24 "(b) The commission shall by rule adopt standards for persons to 25 qualify for the exemptions provided in this subsection.

### 27 "REDEDICATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC PURPOSE CHARGE FUNDS

- "SECTION 8. ORS 757.612 is amended to read:
- 30 "757.612. (1) There is established an annual public purpose expenditure

- standard for electric companies and Oregon Community Power to fund new
- 2 cost-effective local energy conservation, new market transformation efforts,
- 3 the above-market costs of new renewable energy resources and new low-
- 4 income weatherization. The public purpose expenditure standard shall be
- 5 funded by the public purpose charge described in subsection (2) of this sec-
- 6 tion.
- 7 "(2)(a) Beginning on the date an electric company or Oregon Community
- 8 Power offers direct access to [its] retail electricity consumers, except resi-
- 9 dential electricity consumers, the electric company or Oregon Community
- 10 Power shall collect a public purpose charge from all of the retail electricity
- consumers located within [its] the electric company's or Oregon Com-
- munity Power's service area until January 1, 2026. Except as provided in
- paragraph (b) of this subsection, the public purpose charge shall be equal to
- three percent of the total revenues collected by the electric company, Oregon
- 15 Community Power or the electricity service supplier from [its] retail elec-
- tricity consumers for electricity services, distribution services, ancillary
- 17 services, metering and billing, transition charges and other types of costs
- included in electric rates on July 23, 1999.
- "(b) For an aluminum plant that averages more than 100 average mega-
- 20 watts of electricity use per year, [beginning on March 1, 2002,] the electric
- 21 company or Oregon Community Power [whose], whichever's territory abuts
- 22 the greatest percentage of the site of the aluminum plant, shall collect from
- 23 the aluminum company a public purpose charge equal to one percent of the
- 24 total revenue from the sale of electricity [services] to the aluminum plant
- 25 [from any source].
- 26 "(3)(a) The Public Utility Commission shall establish rules implementing
- 27 the provisions of this section relating to electric companies and Oregon
- 28 Community Power.
- 29 "(b) [Subject to paragraph (e)] Except as provided in paragraph (d)(B)
- of this subsection, funds collected [by an electric company or Oregon Com-

- munity Power] through public purpose charges under subsection (2) of this
   section shall be allocated as follows:
- "(A) [Sixty-three] Subject to paragraph (d)(B) of this subsection, 63

  percent for new cost-effective local energy conservation[,] and new market transformation efforts.
- "(B) [Nineteen] Subject to paragraph (d)(B) of this subsection, 19
  percent for the above-market costs of constructing and operating new
  renewable energy [resources] resource projects with a nominal electric
  generating capacity, as defined in ORS 469.300, of 20 megawatts or less.
- "(C) Thirteen percent for new low-income weatherization.

- "(D) Five percent [shall be transferred to] for deposit into the Housing and Community Services Department Electricity Public Purpose Charge Fund established by ORS 456.587 (1) [and used] for the purpose of providing grants as described in ORS 458.625 (2).
- "(c) The costs of administering subsections (1) to (6) of this section for an electric company or Oregon Community Power shall be paid out of the funds collected through public purpose charges. The commission may require [that] an electric company or Oregon Community Power to direct funds collected through public purpose charges to [the] state agencies responsible for implementing subsections (1) to (6) of this section in order to pay the costs of [administering such responsibilities] implementation.
- "(d)(A) The commission shall direct the manner in which public purpose charges are collected and spent by an electric company or Oregon Community Power and may require an electric company or Oregon Community Power to expend funds through competitive bids or other means designed to encourage competition, except that funds dedicated for **new** low-income weatherization shall be directed to the Housing and Community Services Department as provided in subsection (7) of this section.
- "(B) [The commission may also direct that] The commission also may require funds collected [by an electric company or Oregon Community

- 1 Power] through public purpose charges to be paid by an electric company
- **2** or Oregon Community Power:
- 3 "(i) To a nongovernmental entity for investment in public purposes de-
- 4 scribed in subsection (1) of this section[.]; and
- 5 "(ii) To a nongovernmental entity that is registered and has entered
- 6 into an agreement with the Department of Environmental Quality
- 7 under section 6 of this 2017 Act.
- 8 "(C) If the commission requires public purpose charges to be paid
- 9 as described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the commission
- shall require an electric company and Oregon Community Power to
- 11 make payments in the following amounts to the nongovernmental
- 12 entity described in subparagraph (B)(ii) of this paragraph, with the
- 13 remaining public purpose charges paid to the nongovernmental entity
- described in subparagraph (B)(i) of this paragraph:
- 15 "(i) For the period beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December
- 16 **31, 2018, 10 percent.**
- "(ii) For the period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December
- 18 **31, 2019, 20 percent.**
- "(iii) For the period beginning January 1, 2020, and ending Decem-
- 20 ber 31, 2020, 30 percent.
- 21 "(iv) For the period beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December
- 22 **31, 2021, 40 percent.**
- 23 "(v) For payments made on or after January 1, 2022, 50 percent.
- "(D) [Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection:] Except as
- 25 provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this paragraph:
- "(A)] (i) At least 80 percent of the funds allocated for **new cost**-
- 27 **effective local energy** conservation shall be spent within the service area
- of the electric company that collected the funds; or
- 29 "[(B)] (ii) If Oregon Community Power collected the funds, at least 80
- 30 percent of the funds allocated for new cost-effective local energy conser-

- vation shall be spent within the service area of Oregon Community Power.
- "(e)(A) The first 10 percent of [the] funds collected [annually] each year 2 by an electric company or Oregon Community Power under subsection (2) 3 of this section shall be distributed to school districts that are located in the 4 service territory of the electric company or Oregon Community Power. The 5 funds shall be distributed to individual school districts according to the 6 weighted average daily membership (ADMw) of each school district for the 7 prior fiscal year as calculated under ORS 327.013. The commission shall es-8 tablish by rule a methodology for distributing a proportionate share of funds 9 under this paragraph to school districts that are only partially located in the 10 service territory of the electric company or Oregon Community Power. 11
  - "(B) A school district that receives funds under this paragraph shall use the funds first to pay for energy audits for schools located within the school district. A school district may not expend additional funds received under this paragraph on a school [facility] until an energy audit has been completed for that school [facility]. To the extent practicable, a school district shall coordinate with the State Department of Energy and incorporate federal funding in complying with this paragraph. Following completion of an energy audit for an individual school, the school district may expend funds received under this paragraph to implement the energy audit. Once an energy audit has been conducted and completely implemented for each school within the school district, the school district may expend funds received under this paragraph for any of the following purposes:
  - "(i) Conducting **additional** energy audits. A school district shall conduct an energy audit prior to expending funds on any other purpose authorized under this paragraph unless the school district has performed an energy audit within the three years immediately prior to receiving the funds.
  - "(ii) [Weatherization] Weatherizing school district facilities and upgrading the energy efficiency of school district facilities.
    - "(iii) Energy conservation education programs.

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- "(iv) Purchasing electricity from [environmentally focused] sources that
  protect the environment. [and]
- "(v) Investing in renewable energy resources.

- "(f) The commission may not establish a different public purpose charge than the public purpose charge described in subsection (2) of this section.
  - "(g) If the commission [directs] requires funds collected through public purpose charges to [a nongovernmental entity, the entity shall] be paid to the nongovernmental entities described in paragraph (d)(B) of this subsection, the nongovernmental entity described in paragraph (d)(B)(i) of this subsection shall, pursuant to an agreement entered into or renewed between the commission and the entity:
  - "(A) Include on the entity's board of directors an ex officio member designated by the commission, who shall also serve on the entity's nominating committee for filling board vacancies.
  - "(B) Require the entity's officers and directors to provide an annual disclosure of economic interest to be filed with the commission on or prior to April 15 of each calendar year for public review in a form similar to the statement of economic interest required for public officials under ORS 244.060.
  - "(C) Require the entity's officers and directors to declare actual and potential conflicts of interest at regular meetings of the entity's governing body when such conflicts arise, and require an officer or director to abstain from participating in any discussion or [vote] voting on any item where that officer or director has an actual conflict of interest. For the purposes of this subparagraph, 'actual conflict of interest' and 'potential conflict of interest' have the meanings given those terms in ORS 244.020.
  - "(D) **Annually,** arrange for an independent auditor to audit the entity's financial statements [annually], and direct the auditor to file an audit opinion with the commission for public review.
    - "(E) **Annually** file with the commission [annually] the entity's budget,

action plan and quarterly and annual reports for public review.

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- "(F) At least once every five years, contract for an independent management evaluation to review the entity's operations, efficiency and effectiveness, and direct the independent reviewer to file a report with the
- "(h) The commission may remove from the board of directors of a nongovernmental entity an officer or director who fails to provide an annual
  disclosure of economic interest, or **who fails to** declare **an** actual or potential conflict of interest, as described in paragraph (g)(B) and (C) of this
  subsection, [in connection with] **if the failure is connected to** the allocation
  or expenditure of funds collected through public purpose charges and [directed] **paid** to the entity.
- "(4)(a) An electric company that satisfies its obligations under this section [shall have]:
  - "(A) Has no further obligation to invest in new cost-effective local energy conservation, new market transformation or new low-income weatherization or to provide a commercial energy conservation services program; and
  - "(**B**) Is not subject to ORS 469.631 to 469.645 and 469.860 to 469.900.
- "(b) Oregon Community Power, for any period during which Oregon Community Power collects a public purpose charge under subsection (2) of this section:
  - "(A) [Shall have] **Has** no [other] **further** obligation to invest in **new cost-effective local energy** conservation, new market transformation or new low-income weatherization or to provide a commercial energy conservation services program; and
- 27 "(B) Is not subject to ORS 469.631 to 469.645 and 469.860 to 469.900.
- "(5)(a) A retail electricity consumer that uses more than one average megawatt of electricity at any site in the prior year shall receive a credit against public purpose charges billed by an electric company or Oregon

- 1 Community Power for that site. The amount of the credit shall be equal to
- 2 the total amount of qualifying expenditures for new cost-effective local
- 3 energy conservation, not to exceed 68 percent of the annual public purpose
- 4 charges, and the above-market costs [of purchases] of new renewable energy
- 5 resources incurred by the retail electricity consumer, not to exceed 19 per-
- 6 cent of the annual public purpose charges, less administration costs incurred
- 7 under this subsection. The credit may not exceed, on an annual basis, the
- 8 lesser of:
- 9 "(A) The amount of the retail electricity consumer's qualifying expendi-
- 10 tures; or
- "(B) The portion of the public purpose charge billed to the retail elec-
- 12 tricity consumer that is dedicated to new cost-effective local energy con-
- 13 servation, new market transformation or the above-market costs of new
- 14 renewable energy resources.
- 15 "(b) To obtain a credit under this subsection, a retail electricity consumer
- shall file with the State Department of Energy a description of the proposed
- 17 conservation project or new renewable energy resource and a declaration
- that the retail electricity consumer plans to incur the qualifying expenditure.
- 19 The State Department of Energy shall issue a notice of precertification
- 20 within 30 days of receipt of the filing, if such filing is consistent with this
- subsection. The credit may be taken after a retail electricity consumer pro-
- vides a letter from a certified public accountant to the State Department of
- 23 Energy verifying that the precertified qualifying expenditure has been made.
- 24 "(c) Credits earned by a retail electricity consumer as a result of quali-
- 25 fying expenditures that are not used in one year may be carried forward for
- 26 use in subsequent years.
- 27 "(d)(A) A retail electricity consumer that uses more than one average
- 28 megawatt of electricity at any site in the prior year may request that the
- 29 State Department of Energy hire an independent auditor to assess the po-
- 30 tential for conservation investments at the site. If the independent auditor

- determines there is no available conservation measure at the site that would
- 2 have a simple payback of one to 10 years, the retail electricity consumer
- 3 shall be relieved of 54 percent of its payment obligation for public purpose
- 4 charges related to the site. If the independent auditor determines that there
- 5 are potential conservation measures available at the site, the retail elec-
- 6 tricity consumer shall be entitled to a credit against public purpose charges
- 7 related to the site equal to 54 percent of the public purpose charges less the
- 8 estimated cost of available conservation measures.
- 9 "(B) A retail electricity consumer shall be entitled each year to the credit
- 10 described in this subsection unless a subsequent independent audit deter-
- 11 mines that new conservation investment opportunities are available. The
- 12 State Department of Energy may require that a new independent audit be
- performed on the site to determine whether new conservation measures are
- available, provided that the independent audits [shall] occur no more than
- once every two years.

- "(C) The retail electricity consumer shall pay the cost of the independent
- 17 audits described in this subsection.
- 18 "(6) Electric utilities and retail electricity consumers shall receive a fair
- and reasonable credit for the public purpose expenditures of their energy
- 20 suppliers. The State Department of Energy shall adopt rules to determine
- 21 eligible expenditures and the [methodology] **method** by which such credits
- 22 are accounted for and used. The [rules] State Department of Energy also
- 23 shall adopt methods to account for eligible public purpose expenditures made
- 24 through consortia or collaborative projects.
- 25 "(7)(a) In addition to the public purpose charge provided under subsection
- 26 (2) of this section, an electric company or Oregon Community Power shall
- 27 collect funds for low-income electric bill payment assistance in an amount
- determined under paragraph (b) of this subsection.
- 29 "(b) The commission shall establish the amount to be collected by each
- 30 electric company in calendar year 2008 from retail electricity consumers

served by the company, and the rates to be charged to retail electricity consumers served by the company, so that the total anticipated collection for low-income electric bill payment assistance by all electric companies in the calendar year 2008 is \$15 million. In **the** calendar year 2009 and subsequent calendar years, the commission may not change the rates established for re-tail electricity consumers, but the total amount collected in a calendar year for low-income electric bill payment assistance may vary based on electricity usage by retail electricity consumers and changes in the number of retail electricity consumers in this state. In no event shall a retail electricity consumer be required to pay more than \$500 per month per site for low-income electric bill payment assistance. 

"(c) Funds collected [by] through the low-income electric bill payment assistance charge shall be paid into the Housing and Community Services Department Low-Income Electric Bill Payment Assistance Fund established by ORS 456.587 (2). Moneys deposited in the Housing and Community Services Department Low-Income Electric Bill Payment Assistance Fund under this paragraph shall be used by the Housing and Community Services Department solely for [the purpose of funding] purposes related to low-income electric bill payment assistance[.] and for the Housing and Community Services Department's cost of administering this subsection. [shall be paid out of funds collected by the low-income electric bill payment assistance charge. Moneys deposited in the fund under this paragraph shall be expended solely for low-income electric bill payment assistance.] Funds collected [from] by an electric company or Oregon Community Power under this subsection shall be expended in the service area of the electric company or Oregon Community Power from which the funds are collected.

"(d)(A) The Housing and Community Services Department, in consultation with the advisory committee on energy established by ORS 458.515, shall determine the manner in which funds collected under this subsection will be allocated by the department to energy assistance program

- providers for the purpose of providing low-income bill payment [and crisis] assistance.
- "(B) The Housing and Community Services Department, in consultation with electric companies, shall investigate and may implement alternative delivery models [in consultation with electric companies] specified by the advisory committee on energy to effectively reduce service disconnections and related costs to retail electricity consumers and electric utilities.
- 9 "(C) Priority assistance shall be directed to low-income electricity con-10 sumers who are in danger of having their electricity service disconnected.
  - "(D) The Housing and Community Services Department shall maintain records and provide those records upon request to an electric company, Oregon Community Power and the Citizens' Utility Board established under ORS chapter 774 on a quarterly basis. Records maintained must include the numbers of low-income electricity consumers served, the average amounts paid to low-income electricity consumers and the type of assistance provided to low-income electricity consumers. Electric companies and Oregon Community Power shall, if requested, provide the Housing and Community Services Department with aggregate data relating to consumers served on a quarterly basis to support program development.
  - "(e) Interest on moneys deposited in the Housing and Community Services Department Low-Income Electric Bill Payment Assistance Fund established by ORS 456.587 (2) may be used to provide bill payment [and crisis] assistance to electricity consumers whose primary source of heat is not electricity.
  - "(f) Notwithstanding ORS 757.310, the commission may allow an electric company or Oregon Community Power to provide reduced rates or other payment [or crisis] assistance or low-income program assistance to a low-income household eligible for assistance under the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, as amended and in effect on July 23, 1999.
    - "(8) For purposes of this section, 'retail electricity consumers' includes

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- any direct service industrial consumer that purchases electricity without purchasing distribution services from the electric utility.
- "(9) For purposes of this section, [amounts] **funds** collected by Oregon
  Community Power through public purpose charges are not considered moneys
  received from electric utility operations.

## **"SECTION 9.** ORS 469A.200 is amended to read:

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"469A.200. If an electric company or electricity service supplier that is 7 subject to a renewable portfolio standard under ORS 469A.005 to 469A.210 8 fails to comply with the standard in the manner provided by ORS 469A.005 9 to 469A.210, the Public Utility Commission may impose a penalty against the 10 company or supplier in an amount determined by the commission. A penalty 11 under this section is in addition to any alternative compliance payment re-12 guired or elected under ORS 469A.180. Moneys paid for penalties under this 13 section shall be transmitted by the commission to the nongovernmental en-14 tity receiving moneys under ORS 757.612 (3)(d)(B)(i) and may be used only 15 for the purposes specified in ORS 757.612 (1). 16

## "SECTION 10. ORS 757.613 is amended to read:

"757.613. (1) If an electric company or Oregon Community Power invests moneys collected as a public purpose charge under ORS 757.612 on new cost-effective local energy conservation, or if the nongovernmental entity described in ORS 757.612 (3)(g) invests moneys paid to the nongovernmental entity under ORS 757.612 (3)(d)(B)(i) on new cost-effective local energy conservation, and if the investment involves updating the energy efficiency of a residential or nonresidential building, the electric company, Oregon Community Power or the nongovernmental entity may make those investments by conducting a whole building assessment of the energy efficiency of the building and, in consideration of the whole building assessment, by maximizing the overall energy efficiency of the building. For purposes of this subsection, a 'whole building assessment' means a single assessment of savings opportunities, as identified by the Public Utility Commission by rule

1 or order.

"(2) An investment described in subsection (1) of this section must be limited to an investment in a single project, as authorized by the commission by rule or order.

"SECTION 11. The amendments to ORS 469A.200, 757.612 and 757.613 by sections 8 to 10 of this 2017 Act apply to revenues collected by electric companies, Oregon Community Power and electricity service suppliers on or after the operative date of this 2017 Act.

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## "INDICATION OF INFLUENCE OF LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARDS ON COST OF GASOLINE

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"SECTION 12. ORS 646.932 is amended to read:

"646.932. (1) As used in this section, 'gas station' includes a filling station, service station, garage or any other place where gasoline is sold for use in motor vehicles.

- "(2) The owner or operator of a gas station shall post, in a manner visible to customers, the following information:
  - "(a) The amount of the price per gallon that is federal tax;
  - "(b) The amount of the price per gallon that is state tax;
  - "(c) The amount of the price per gallon that is local tax; and
  - "(d) The total amount of federal, state and local taxes per gallon.
  - "(3) The Department of Transportation shall furnish the information described in subsection (2) of this section to each gas station in [the] **this** state.
  - "(4)(a) The owner or operator of a gas station shall disclose to a customer the cost, per gallon of gasoline, of the low carbon fuel standards described in ORS 468A.275 after viewing or receiving from the Department of Environmental Quality the calculation described in subsection (5) of this section. The owner or operator may disclose the cost to the customer by:

- "(A) Posting the cost on a gasoline pump that is visible to the 1 customer; 2
- "(B) Printing the cost on a receipt the owner or operator provides 3 to the customer; or 4
- "(C) Otherwise displaying the cost near the point of payment or 5 another location that is visible to the customer.
- "(b) The disclosure described in paragraph (a) of this subsection 7 must read: 8

The Department of Environmental Quality has determined that Oregon's low carbon fuel standards last year added an average of \$\_\_\_ to the cost per gallon of fuel. This average cost per gallon is an estimate and might not be reflected in current prices. Gasoline and diesel fuel prices can fluctuate widely over short periods of time.

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"(5) The Department of Environmental Quality each year shall calculate for the preceding calendar year the average cost, per gallon of gasoline, of the low carbon fuel standards the Environmental Quality Commission adopts by rule under ORS 468A.275. The department shall post not later than April 15 of each year the formula the department used for the calculation and the results of the calculation on the department's website or otherwise furnish the formula and results of the calculation to each gas station in this state so that the gas station's owners or operators may meet the requirement set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

"SECTION 13. The amendments to ORS 646.932 by section 12 of this 2017 Act apply to any transaction for a purchase of gasoline in this state that occurs on or after the operative date specified in section 14 of this 2017 Act.

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"SECTION 14. (1) Sections 1, 2 and 4 to 7 of this 2017 Act and the amendments to ORS 468A.275, 469A.200, 646.932, 757.612 and 757.613 by sections 3, 8 to 10 and 12 of this 2017 Act become operative on January 1, 2018.

"(2) The Environmental Quality Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the commission or the department to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the commission and the department by sections 1, 2 and 4 to 7 of this 2017 Act and the amendments to ORS 468A.275, 469A.200, 646.932, 757.612 and 757.613 by sections 3, 8 to 10 and 12 of this 2017 Act.

### "CAPTIONS

"SECTION 15. The unit captions used in this 2017 Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2017 Act.

### **"EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE"**

"SECTION 16. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.".