

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2494

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Measure Description:

Extends operation of public purpose charges until January 1, 2036.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Public Utility Commission (PUC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

The legislation extends the sunset date on a public purpose charge on all retail electricity consumers, located within an electric company’s or Oregon Community Power’s service area, from January 1, 2026 to 2036. The Public Utility Commission directs the manner in which public purpose charges are collected and spent by an electric company or Oregon Community Power.

The effective timeframe of this legislation is beyond the scope of the standard two biennia fiscal impact estimated by the Legislative Fiscal Office. Current budgetary factors indicate that a continuation of the public purpose charge will not have a significant impact on the Public Utility Commission operations; however that does not rule-out the possibility that the agency may need to return to the Legislative Emergency Board or a subsequent legislative session to request expenditure appropriation and/or limitation in order to comply with the provisions of this legislation during the 2026-2036 timeframe.