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Measure: HB 3141 - 2

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Measure Description:

Reduces public purpose charge for retail electricity consumers within service areas of electric companies and Oregon Community Power.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD), Public Utility Commission (PUC), Department of Energy (DOE)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Energy and Environment to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure reduces the public purpose charge for electricity consumers from 3 percent to 1.5 percent modifies the allocation of funds collected through the charge. It extends the sunset date for the collection of the public purpose charge through January 1, 2036. The measure adds eligible uses of public purpose charge funding allocated to new low-income weatherization to include distribution system-connected technologies that support reliability, resilience and the integration of renewable energy resources. The measure modifies statutes for the low-income electric bill payment assistance program, and temporarily increases the annual collections to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. It modifies rates charged by electricity companies, including funds collected for cost-effective energy efficiency resources, shifting conservation and energy efficiency from public purpose funding to instead be funded through under the ratemaking process. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage, and its substantive changes become operative on January 1, 2022.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Housing and Community Services Department, Public Utility Commission, and Oregon Department of Energy.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required