

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2475

By COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “utilities;” insert “creating new provisions; and”.

2 On page 2, after line 45, insert:

3 “(c) The total aggregate financial assistance available to all organizations that represent the
4 interests described in paragraph (a)(B) and (C) of this subsection from all public utilities providing
5 electricity or natural gas may not exceed \$500,000 annually.

6 “(d) The commission shall establish a process for evaluating and approving an agreement de-
7 scribed in this section that includes the provision of financial assistance to organizations that rep-
8 resent the interests described in paragraph (a)(B) or (C) of this subsection. The commission must
9 evaluate and approve an agreement described in this paragraph before financial assistance may be
10 provided under the agreement. The agreement described in this paragraph shall govern the manner
11 in which financial assistance may be provided to an organization found by the commission to be
12 qualified under paragraph (a)(B) or (C) of this subsection. More than one public utility or organiza-
13 tion may join in a single agreement described in this paragraph.”.

14 On page 3, after line 11, insert:

15 “**SECTION 4. The Public Utility Commission shall, no later than September 15, 2025,**
16 **provide a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy**
17 **that discusses, for the period beginning on the effective date of this 2021 Act and ending**
18 **December 31, 2024, the implementation and impacts of the amendments to ORS 757.072 by**
19 **section 3 of this 2021 Act. The report shall include, but need not be limited to:**

20 “(1) A description of the process established under ORS 757.072 (2)(d) and any other rules,
21 orders, processes or polices adopted or established by the commission as necessary to im-
22 plement the amendments to ORS 757.072 by section 3 of this 2021 Act; and

23 “(2) A detailed description of the organizations described in ORS 757.072 (2)(a)(B) and (C)
24 that received funding during the period subject to reporting that includes, for each organ-
25 ization, a description of:

26 “(a) The proceedings for which the organization received financial assistance;

27 “(b) The amount of financial assistance received by the organization for each proceeding;

28 “(c) The issues raised by the organization in each proceeding for which the organization
29 received financial assistance; and

30 “(d) The outcome within each proceeding with regard to the issues described in para-
31 graph (c) of this subsection.

32 “**SECTION 5. Section 4 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.**

33 “**SECTION 6. Section 7 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 757.**

34 “**SECTION 7. (1) In addition to comprehensive classifications, tariff schedules, rates and**
35 **bill credits, the Public Utility Commission may address the mitigation of energy burdens**

1 through bill reduction measures or programs that may include, but need not be limited to,
2 demand response or weatherization.

3 “(2) The costs of tariff schedules, rates, bill credits or program discounts allowed pur-
4 suant to subsection (1) of this section must be collected in the rates of an electric company
5 through charges paid by all retail electricity consumers, such that retail electricity con-
6 sumers that purchase electricity from electricity service suppliers pay the same amount to
7 address the mitigation of energy burdens as retail electricity consumers that are not served
8 by electricity service suppliers.”.

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