

House Bill 3106

Sponsored by Representative MARSH, Senator DEMBROW; Senators KNOPP, TAYLOR

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Provides that, for purposes of electric companies' planning and pursuit of energy efficiency resources, energy efficiency programs include programs for assisting retail electricity consumers with replacing building heating, appliances and other technologies powered by any energy source with higher-efficiency electric heating, appliances and other technologies.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to utilities; amending ORS 757.054.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 757.054 is amended to read:

5 757.054. (1) As used in this section, "electric company" has the meaning given that term in ORS
6 757.600.

7 (2) The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:

8 (a) Energy efficiency programs promote lower energy bills, protect the public health and safety,
9 improve environmental benefits, stimulate sustainable economic development, create new employ-
10 ment opportunities and reduce reliance on imported fuels; and

11 (b) Demand response resources result in more efficient use of existing resources and reduce the
12 need for procuring new power generating resources, which, in turn, reduces energy bills, protects
13 the public health and safety and improves environmental benefits.

14 (3) For the purpose of ensuring prudent investments by an electric company in energy efficiency
15 and demand response before the electric company acquires new generating resources, and in order
16 to produce cost-effective energy savings, reduce customer demand for energy, reduce overall elec-
17 trical system costs, increase the public health and safety and improve environmental benefits, each
18 electric company serving customers in this state shall:

19 (a) Plan for and pursue all available energy efficiency resources that are cost effective, reliable
20 and feasible; and

21 (b) As directed by the Public Utility Commission by rule or order, plan for and pursue the ac-
22 quisition of cost-effective demand response resources.

23 **(4) For purposes of this section, energy efficiency programs include programs for assist-**
24 **ing retail electricity consumers with replacing building heating, appliances and other tech-**
25 **nologies powered by any energy source with higher-efficiency electric heating, appliances and**
26 **other technologies. Investments made pursuant to this subsection shall be made:**

27 **(a) Consistent with this state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; and**

28 **(b) In a manner that ensures low-income retail electricity consumers are benefited and**
29 **not adversely impacted.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.