Chair: Sen. Sollman

Vice-Chair: Sen. Findley

Staff:

Erin Pischke, LPRO Analyst Beth Reiley, LPRO Analyst Morgan DuVal, Committee Assistant



Members:

Sen.Golden Sen. Hayden

Sen. Lieber

82nd LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIORMENT

State Capitol 900 Court St. NE, Rm. HR B Salem, OR 97301 503-986-1755

December 4, 2024

To: Senate Interim Committee on Energy and Environment

From: Beth Reiley, LPRO Analyst

Subject: 2025 Committee Legislative Concepts

LC 1806, dated 11/13/2024 – Prohibits an electric or gas company from recovering from ratepayers costs or expenses that are or associated with advertising, political influence activity, litigation, penalties, or fines and certain compensation. Limits the amount that an electric or gas company may recover from ratepayers for costs and expenses incurred by the electric or gas company in preparing for, attending, participating in, or appealing a contested proceeding conducted before the Public Utility Commission.

LC 1823, dated 12/2/2024 – Requires Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to coordinate with other organizations, conduct outreach, establish a statewide navigation and support system and provide information in multiple languages, as part of ODOE's single resource for providing information and assistance related to available energy efficiency incentives and programs. Requires ODOE to create a statewide clearinghouse for energy and energy efficiency incentive programs that uses a single, universal application form and application process. Requires the ODOE to coordinate with and encourage other incentive and program providers to participate in the statewide clearinghouse. Requires entities to use best practices to maintain the confidentiality and security of information and data as required by law.

LC 1916, dated 12/2/2024 - Creates an income tax credit for owners of aircraft that incur qualifying expenses to enable an aircraft that is powered by leaded aviation gasoline to be certified to instead be powered by unleaded aviation gasoline. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and before January 1, 2032. Increases State Aviation Board from seven to nine voting members by requiring the appointment of two members who are residents of communities that are affected by general aviation airport traffic or traffic at a commercial airport at which there is significant general aviation activity. Provides grants for airport development to allow the sale of unleaded aviation fuel at airports and prevent and mitigate noise around airports. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die

LC 2084, dated 11/22/2024 - Prohibits the sale and use of firefighting foam containing perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Prohibits the disposal of firefighting foam containing PFAS at certain facilities. Prohibitions are operative on January 1, 2026. Requires the Environmental Quality Commission to establish a program to ensure the safe collection and disposal of firefighting foam containing PFAS. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die

LC 2571, dated 10/9/2024 – Allows a community solar project and its subscribers to be located in different service areas. Allows a community solar project to partake in the community solar program that is five megawatts or less. Requires the Oregon Public Utility Commission to set a cap on the total generating capacity of the community solar program and raises the cap over time.