

# House Bill 3152

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## SUMMARY

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Permits Public Utility Commission to institute one or more proceedings to ensure commission's regulations, rules and orders, and programs overseen by commission, align with greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements and targets established by statute or executive order, do not impede or delay timely and equitable implementation of greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements and targets, and mitigate energy burden and risks of stranded assets for residential utility customers.

Declares that policy of state is to protect residential utility customers from risks of stranded fossil fuel assets and potential increases in energy burden while achieving state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

Prohibits, on or after January 1, 2026, use of funding from ratepayers to provide incentives or subsidies for the purchase or installation of gas appliances or devices for use by residential utility customers or line extension allowances for new gas line extensions that support use of gas in residential buildings.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Public Utility Commission shall:**

5 (a) **Exercise all authority and discretion vested in the commission by law to facilitate the**  
6 **achievement of the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals established by statute**  
7 **or executive order; and**

8 (b) **To the full extent allowed by law, consider and integrate climate change, climate**  
9 **change impacts and the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals into the**  
10 **commission's decisions on planning, budgets, investments and policymaking.**

11 (2) **To achieve the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and carry out the**  
12 **provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the commission may institute a proceeding, or**  
13 **any additional proceedings as the commission deems necessary, to ensure all regulations and**  
14 **rules promulgated by the commission, orders issued by the commission that are currently**  
15 **in effect and programs overseen by the commission:**

16 (a) **Align with all greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements and targets estab-**  
17 **lished by statute or executive order;**

18 (b) **Do not unnecessarily impede or delay the timely and equitable implementation of the**  
19 **greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements and targets; and**

20 (c) **Mitigate energy burden and the risks of stranded assets for residential utility cus-**  
21 **tomers.**

22 (3) **At the conclusion of a proceeding instituted under subsection (2) of this section, the**  
23 **commission shall take such actions as may be necessary to ensure the regulation, rule, order**  
24 **or program complies with the policies described in subsection (2)(a) to (c) of this section.**

25 **SECTION 2. (1) It is the policy of the State of Oregon to protect residential utility cus-**

**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.

1 **tomers from the risks of stranded fossil fuel assets and potential increases in energy burden**  
2 **while achieving the state’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.**

3 **(2) For the purpose of carrying out the state policy stated in subsection (1) of this sec-**  
4 **tion, the Public Utility Commission may not use or allow the use of funding from ratepayers**  
5 **to provide:**

6 **(a) Incentives or subsidies for the purchase or installation of gas appliances or devices**  
7 **for use by residential utility customers; or**

8 **(b) Line extension allowances for new gas line extensions that support the use of gas in**  
9 **residential buildings.**

10 **(3) As used in this section:**

11 **(a) “Gas appliance or device” does not include a control device or thermostat.**

12 **(b) “Public utility” means an electric or gas utility regulated by the commission as a**  
13 **public utility under ORS chapter 757.**

14 **(c) “Residential utility customer” means a dwelling owner or tenant who, either directly**  
15 **or indirectly, pays a share of the cost for service billed by a public utility for electric or na-**  
16 **tural gas service received at the dwelling.**

17 **(d) “Tenant” means a tenant as defined in ORS 90.100 or any other tenant.**

18 **SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2023 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.**

19 **(2) The Public Utility Commission shall reduce, on and after the effective date of this 2023**  
20 **Act, the amount of funding from ratepayers that is used to provide incentives, subsidies or**  
21 **allowances described in section 2 of this 2023 Act, such that, on or after the operative date**  
22 **specified in subsection (1) of this section, no amount of funding from ratepayers is used to**  
23 **provide incentives, subsidies or allowances described in section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

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