On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, before the period insert “; amending sections 3 and 4, chapter 536, Oregon Laws 2021”.

Delete lines 4 through 25 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

"SECTION 1. Section 3, chapter 536, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

"Sec. 3. (1) In addition to the funds collected pursuant to [section 2 (1) of this 2021 Act] ORS 757.698 (1) and subject to the limitation set forth in [section 2 (1)(c) of this 2021 Act] ORS 757.698 (1)(c), the Public Utility Commission shall provide for, through rates charged to all customers of electric companies, as defined in ORS 757.600, collection of [$10 $5 million per calendar year for low-income electric bill payment and crisis assistance.

“(2) Notwithstanding [section 2 (1) of this 2021 Act] ORS 757.698 (1), the rates established by the commission for low-income electric bill payment and crisis assistance may not be less than the rates in effect on [the effective date of this 2021 Act] January 1, 2022.

“(3) Notwithstanding [section 2 (3) of this 2021 Act] ORS 757.698 (3), for purposes of the additional amounts collected pursuant to this section, the Housing and Community Services Department shall:

“(a) Ensure that the additional amounts collected respond to and are delivered to customers of electric companies who have lost income due to circumstances arising from the disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2); and

“(b) Design delivery of the additional amounts in alignment with existing energy assistance programs but broaden income eligibility and benefit levels such that:

“(A) Income eligibility is expanded to households at or below 80 percent of area median income; and

“(B) Standard household benefit levels may be increased to account for utility arrearages directly related to employment, income or health effects of SARS-CoV-2; and

“(C) Persons already enrolled in or receiving state-administered, low-income assistance from programs determined by the department, including but not limited to through the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.), are automatically eligible for low-income electric bill payment and crisis assistance.

"SECTION 2. Section 4, chapter 536, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

“Sec. 4. Section 3 [of this 2021 Act], chapter 536, Oregon Laws 2021, is repealed on January 2, 2024 2026.”.