

Requested by Representative MARSH

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 3378**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “resilience” insert “; and prescribing  
2 an effective date”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 25 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that each county  
5 should plan for and develop energy resilience and be prepared, in the  
6 event of major grid disruption, to maintain basic services and func-  
7 tions.**

8 **“(2) In order to carry out the provisions set forth in subsection (1)  
9 of this section, a county may:**

10 **“(a) Develop and adopt an energy resilience plan; and**

11 **“(b) Incorporate the energy resilience plan into the county’s appli-  
12 cable natural hazard mitigation plan.**

13 **“(3) An energy resilience plan developed under this section must:**

14 **“(a) Be based on and plan for short-term, medium-term and long-  
15 term power outages.**

16 **“(b) Identify and map:**

17 **“(A) Existing energy infrastructure located within the county, in-  
18 cluding transmission lines, distribution lines, substations and energy  
19 storage systems;**

20 **“(B) Natural hazard risks; and**

21 **“(C) Communities that experience social vulnerability.**

1       “(c) Identify potential locations for community resilience centers  
2 and communication zones that the public may use to access electricity  
3 services during a power outage;

4       “(d) Inventory the energy consumption needs of critical public ser-  
5 vices facilities;

6       “(e) Identify critical public services facilities where the development  
7 of alternate energy generation and storage resources will meet local  
8 energy resilience needs;

9       “(f) Identify opportunities to coordinate and locate energy  
10 infrastructure development to align with and support critical public  
11 services facilities;

12       “(g) Identify time schedules, priorities and potential funding  
13 sources for developing energy resilience; and

14       “(h) Identify other actions and resources needed to implement the  
15 energy resilience plan.

16       “(4)(a) To identify and map communities that experience social  
17 vulnerabilities under subsection (3)(b)(C) of this section, a county shall  
18 consult with representatives from local environmental justice com-  
19 munities.

20       “(b) A county shall use the locations of communities that experi-  
21 ence social vulnerabilities to prioritize the potential locations of com-  
22 munity resilience centers under subsection (3)(c) of this section.

23       “(5) A public utility that is operating or serving customers within  
24 the boundaries of a county that is developing an energy resilience plan  
25 shall use reasonable efforts to assist with and comply with requests  
26 from the county for information regarding energy infrastructure that  
27 is located or serving customers within the boundaries of the county,  
28 provided that the information is exempt from disclosure under ORS  
29 192.355.

30       “(6) As used in this section, ‘critical public services facility’ in-

1 cludes a facility related to law enforcement, fire protection, health and  
2 medical services, sanitation services, fuel and fueling, public works  
3 and engineering, public information and communications and emer-  
4 gency response.

5 **“SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Energy shall establish a**  
6 **program for awarding grants to counties to cover the costs of devel-**  
7 **oping energy resilience plans that meet the requirements under sec-**  
8 **tion 1 (3) of this 2023 Act.**

9 **“(2) Under the program:**

10 **“(a) A county shall use grant moneys to cover the costs of devel-**  
11 **oping an energy resilience plan that meets the requirements listed**  
12 **under section 1 (3) of this 2023 Act;**

13 **“(b) A county may be awarded a total of no more than \$50,000;**

14 **“(c) Counties may combine and use together grant moneys that**  
15 **have been awarded to the counties;**

16 **“(d) A county may use grant award moneys to cover:**

17 **“(A) The salaries and expenses of county employees for the time the**  
18 **employees work on developing an energy resilience plan;**

19 **“(B) The costs to hire or contract with a technical assistance pro-**  
20 **vider; and**

21 **“(C) Any other necessary costs as approved by the department; and**

22 **“(e) The department may issue grant award moneys to a county or**  
23 **directly to a technical assistance provider or providers hired or con-**  
24 **tracted by the county.**

25 **“(3) The department shall establish the:**

26 **“(a) Application process;**

27 **“(b) Eligibility criteria for awarding grants;**

28 **“(c) Process of awarding grants; and**

29 **“(d) Requirements for reporting on the use of grant award moneys**  
30 **by grantees.**

1       “(4) No later than September 15, 2025, the department shall submit  
2 a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, to the interim com-  
3 mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy. The report  
4 must, at a minimum:

5       “(a) Identify the counties that have received grants under the pro-  
6 gram and a status on the counties’ energy resilience plans;

7       “(b) Identify opportunities to incorporate county energy resilience  
8 plans into a state energy resilience plan and other planning efforts;  
9 and

10       “(c) Make recommendations for improvements to the program and  
11 investments that would improve future planning efforts.

12       “SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2,  
13 2026.

14       “SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-  
15 ation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Energy, for the  
16 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount  
17 of \$2,000,000, to be used to provide grants under the program estab-  
18 lished under section 2 of this 2023 Act.

19       “SECTION 5. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
20 date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative  
21 Assembly adjourns sine die.”.

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