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Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1525**

1 On page 3 of the printed bill, delete lines 11 through 45.

2 On page 4, delete lines 1 through 4 and insert:

3 **SECTION 7.** Section 29, chapter 508, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to
4 read:

5 **“Sec. 29.** As used in sections 29 to 32, **chapter 508, Oregon Laws 2021**
6 *[of this 2021 Act]*:

7 “(1) ‘Community renewable energy project’ means one or more renewable
8 energy systems, storage systems, microgrids or energy-related infrastructures
9 that promote energy resilience, increase renewable energy generation or
10 renewable energy storage capacity and provide a direct benefit to a partic-
11 ular community in the form of increased community energy resilience, local
12 jobs, economic development or direct energy costs savings to families and
13 small businesses.

14 “(2) ‘Community energy resilience’ means the ability of a specific com-
15 munity to maintain the availability of energy needed to support the provision
16 of energy-dependent critical public services to the community following
17 nonroutine disruptions of severe impact or duration to the state’s broader
18 energy systems.

19 “(3) ‘Community energy resilience project’ means a community renewable
20 energy project that includes utilizing one or more renewable energy systems
21 to support the energy resilience of structures or facilities that are essential

1 to the public welfare.

2 “(4) ‘Consumer-owned utility’ means a municipal electricity utility, a
3 people’s utility district organized under ORS chapter 261 that sells electricity
4 or an electric cooperative organized under ORS chapter 62.

5 “(5) **‘Electric cooperative organized under ORS chapter 62’ includes**
6 **an electric cooperative organized under ORS chapter 62 that is oper-**
7 **ating in this state and formed for one or both of the following pur-**
8 **poses:**

9 “(a) **To generate, purchase or obtain electric power, energy, trans-**
10 **mission services or ancillary services; or**

11 “(b) **To represent one or more consumer-owned utilities in meeting**
12 **rural, environmental or renewable energy requirements and mandates.**

13 “[5] (6) ‘Energy resilience’ means the ability of energy systems, from
14 production through delivery to end-users, to withstand and restore energy
15 delivery rapidly following nonroutine disruptions of severe impact or dura-
16 tion.

17 “[6] (7) ‘Planning costs’ means the costs related to planning paid by an
18 applicant, **or an applicant’s partner**, described under section 30, **chapter**
19 **508, Oregon Laws 2021** [*of this 2021 Act*].

20 “[7] (8) ‘Project cost’ means the actual cost of the acquisition, con-
21 struction and installation of a renewable energy system incurred by an ap-
22 plicant, **or an applicant’s partner**, described under section 30, **chapter 508,**
23 **Oregon Laws 2021**, [*of this 2021 Act*] for the system, before considering
24 utility incentives.

25 “[8] (9) ‘Public body’ means a public body as defined in ORS 174.109.

26 “[9] (10) ‘Qualifying community’ means a community that qualifies as
27 an environmental justice community as defined in **ORS 469A.400** [*section 1*
28 *of this 2021 Act*].

29 “[10] (11) ‘Renewable energy system’ includes:

30 “(a) A system that uses biomass, solar, geothermal, hydroelectric, wind,

1 landfill gas, biogas or wave, tidal or ocean thermal energy technology to
2 produce energy.

3 “(b) One or more energy storage systems paired with an existing or newly
4 constructed system described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

5 “(c) One or more vehicle charging stations paired with an existing or
6 newly constructed system described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

7 “(d) Microgrid enabling technologies, including microgrid controllers and
8 any other related technologies needed to electrically isolate a community
9 energy resilience project from the electric grid so that the project is capable
10 of operating independently from the electric grid.”

11 On page 5, after line 32, insert:

12 **“SECTION 9. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 469B.466, moneys in the Heat**
13 **Pump Deployment Fund on July 1, 2024, that have been allocated by**
14 **the State Department of Energy for the purpose of awarding grants**
15 **under ORS 469B.460 but have not been awarded as a grant are trans-**
16 **ferred to the Residential Heat Pump Fund established under section**
17 **21, chapter 86, Oregon Laws 2022, to be expended for the purposes de-**
18 **scribed in that section and subsection (2) of this section.**

19 **“(2)(a) Moneys transferred under subsection (1) of this section shall**
20 **be expended for the purpose of providing grants and rebates under**
21 **sections 19 and 20, chapter 86, Oregon Laws 2022, and associated ad-**
22 **ministrative costs and expenses, in regions and for members of feder-**
23 **ally recognized Indian tribes for which no eligible entity has been**
24 **awarded a grant under ORS 469B.460.**

25 **“(b) The department shall allocate an amount for each region or**
26 **federally recognized Indian tribe described in this subsection that is**
27 **equal to the amount previously allocated by the department for that**
28 **region or tribe under ORS 469B.460.”**

29 In line 33, delete “9” and insert “10”.

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