

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2370

Relating to fees imposed by the Public Utility Commission

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

HB 2370 increases the statutory cap on the fee the Public Utility Commission may assess regulated energy and water utilities, raising it from 0.45% to 0.55% of a utility's Oregon-based gross operating revenue. This adjustment does not apply to telecommunications providers.

The proposed change provides flexibility for the Commission to align its revenue with growing responsibilities, including oversight of clean energy programs, wildfire mitigation, and infrastructure resilience.

No fee increases are currently planned, and the Public Utility Commission's recommended budget assumes a twelve-month operating reserve. Any future fee changes under this measure would still be subject to legislative review and approval.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 2370 be reported out do pass.