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SUMMARY

Requires Public Utility Commission to establish comparative energy usage disclosure program for purpose of informing residential customers of public utilities that distribute electricity or natural gas of comparative energy usage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to comparative energy usage.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 757.

SECTION 2. (1) The Public Utility Commission shall establish a comparative energy usage disclosure program under which a public utility that distributes electricity or natural gas shall provide personalized paper reports and, at the discretion of the public utility, supplemental electronic communications to residential customers who are located in the public utility's service area. Reports provided under this section must:

(a) Compare the amount of electricity or natural gas used by the customer to the amount of electricity or natural gas used by other residential customers who live in the customer's geographic area; and

(b) Provide personalized advice to assist the customer in using less electricity or natural gas.

(2) A residential customer is not eligible to receive a report under this section if the customer, as determined by the commission, uses electricity or natural gas under special circumstances requiring ab-

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1 normally low or high electricity or natural gas usage.

2 (3) A residential customer may request to not receive reports under
3 this section.

4 (4) The program established under this section shall be provided to
5 residential customers in a manner that maximizes savings and cost-
6 effectiveness.

7 (5) The program established under this section shall require use of
8 a randomized control trial to compare residential customers receiving
9 reports under this section and residential customers not receiving re-
10 ports under this section. The randomized control trial shall measure
11 energy savings resulting from the program at a level of statistical
12 significance established by the commission. Energy savings as meas-
13 ured by the randomized control trial may be used by a public utility
14 as an energy resource for resource planning purposes.

15 (6) The program established under this section may require a public
16 utility to enter into an agreement with a third party organization for
17 the provision of reports to residential customers.