

Requested by Senator BENTZ

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2020**

1 On page 10 of the printed bill, after line 2, insert:

2 “(4)(a) As used in this subsection, ‘eastern edge economic zone’ means
3 Malheur County and the portion of Baker County including the Huntington
4 census county division.

5 “(b) In addition to the exemptions and exclusions provided for in sub-
6 sections (1) and (2) of this section and in order to protect the economic vi-
7 tality of the eastern edge economic zone:

8 “(A) The office shall exempt from regulation as a covered entity an elec-
9 tric company that makes sales of electricity to retail electricity consumers
10 in Oregon in an amount that equals less than three percent of all electricity
11 sold to retail electricity consumers in Oregon; and

12 “(B) The office shall exclude from regulated emissions the greenhouse gas
13 emissions attributable to:

14 “(i) The combustion of natural gas that is imported, sold or distributed
15 for use within the eastern edge economic zone; and

16 “(ii) The combustion of fuel other than natural gas that is sold or dis-
17 tributed for use within the eastern edge economic zone.

18 “(c) The office shall review the exemption and exclusions granted under
19 this subsection once every five years and may by rule modify the exemption
20 or exclusions if the office determines, upon review, that:

21 “(A) The State of Idaho has enacted policies for placing a price on

1 greenhouse gas emissions; and

2 “(B) Modifying the exemption or exclusions is necessary to maintain
3 parity between the costs to consumers in Idaho and to consumers in Oregon
4 of placing a price on greenhouse gas emissions.

5 “(d) The exclusions granted under paragraph (b)(B) of this subsection may
6 not be granted in any year following a year for which the person eligible for
7 the exclusion has failed to satisfy the office that the exclusion granted in the
8 previous year has been reflected by not including any cost of compliance
9 with sections 8 to 26 of this 2019 Act in the price of fuel sold within the
10 eastern edge economic zone.”.

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