

**HB 4066 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Baertschiger Jr

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

**Minority Report**

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**Action Date:** 02/21/20

**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.) Minority

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Report Signers:** Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr., Sen. Lynn Findley

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/21

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Public Utility Commission (PUC), in coordination with Portland State University, to study the potential cost increases to retail electricity consumers due to electric company programs to accelerate transportation electrification. Describes required study topics. Requires PUC to submit a report on the study to an interim legislative committee related to energy and the environment no later than September 15, 2021.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Governor's Council on Wildfire Response work and recommendations regarding utility wildfire planning
- Work on transportation electrification infrastructure
- Utility cost recovery

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 978 (2017) directed the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) to establish a public process for investigating how developing industry trends, technologies, and policy drivers impact the existing regulatory system and incentives the PUC currently employs. One of the items identified by some participants in the SB 978 (2017) report was that an efficient way to reduce emissions is by electric utilities working to reduce emissions outside of the electric sector through beneficial electrification of other fuel uses, such as electric vehicles and other forms of electrified transportation.

House Bill 4066-MRB would direct the PUC, in coordination with Portland State University, to study the potential cost increases to retail electricity consumers due to electric company programs to accelerate transportation electrification.