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Rep. Gombberg

Support HB 2739-B Electric Bill Payment Assistance



HB 2739 is timely legislation to provide further electric bill payment assistance for customers of Oregon's two largest electric utilities - Pacific Power and Portland General Electric – in light of COVID-19.

HB 2739-B temporarily increases funds for the well-established Oregon Energy Assistance Program (OEAP) - Oregon's bill payment assistance program unique to income-eligible Pacific Power and Portland General Electric customers.

This temporary increase will raise an additional \$10 million per year, beginning 2022, through calendar year 2023. This increase further reflects an essential provision of the COVID-19 customer impact agreement reached in September 2020 among a diverse group of stakeholders including, Oregon Citizens' Utility Board, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, NW Energy Coalition, regulated energy utilities, and Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) Staff.

Despite a recent increase in federal assistance, local non-profit agencies need adequate resources to meet unprecedented demand for emergency assistance due to the impacts of COVID-19 on already vulnerable Oregonians. **Passage of HB 2739 is critical for Oregon families in Pacific Power and PGE territory.**

In short, HB 2739-B reflects the very best of public policy: proactive and reasonable. We strongly urge your support.



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