



HB 3141B: Modernizing the Public Purpose Charge

The public purpose charge (PPC), created in 1999, is a fee assessed on the electric bills of customers of Portland General Electric (PGE) and Pacific Power. Currently, the PPC is set at 3% of the total revenues of PGE and PacifiCorp and the funds collected are allocated to programs that benefit customers including energy efficiency, low-income weatherization, investments in smaller-scale renewable energy resources, and helping schools be more energy efficient. There is also a portion of the PPC that goes to the statewide low-income housing fund. A broad group of stakeholders worked together to develop updates to this critical program to meet today's needs. The new PPC rate will be 1.5% with energy efficiency paid for in rates.

HB 3141B:

- **Streamlines the collection of energy efficiency funds by putting it directly into rates** and removing it from the PPC. This will align energy efficiency dollars as they are currently bifurcated between two separate programs.
- **Increases low income weatherization dollars by 57%** and allows weatherization funds to be used to help fund manufactured home replacement and comprehensive health/safety repairs needed to enable weatherization work.
- **Expands allowable uses of renewable energy project funds to support community resiliency.**
- **Creates a 25% set-aside for low-and moderate-income small renewable projects.**
- **Requires the creation of equity metrics** to ensure that historically underserved communities are benefiting from the PPC.
- **Maintains stable funding for energy efficiency projects in schools and low-income housing.**
- **Extends the sunset to January 1, 2036.**

Please join us by supporting the passage of HB 3141.



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