

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 2507**

Sponsored by Representative MARSH; Representative SMITH DB (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to Residential Service Protection Fund; amending sections 6 and 16, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 6, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, as amended by section 1, chapter 622, Oregon Laws 1991, section 1, chapter 29, Oregon Laws 2007, section 25, chapter 599, Oregon Laws 2009, section 1, chapter 77, Oregon Laws 2011, section 1, chapter 29, Oregon Laws 2013, and section 1, chapter 91, Oregon Laws 2019, is amended to read:

**Sec. 6.** (1) In carrying out the provisions of section 2, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, and to support broadband internet access service, the Public Utility Commission shall establish a plan to provide assistance to low income customers through differential rates or otherwise. The plan of assistance [is] **may be** in addition to the available funding offered by the Federal Communications Commission. The plan established by the Public Utility Commission shall prescribe the amount of assistance to be provided and the time and manner of payment.

(2) For the purpose of establishing a plan to provide assistance to low income customers under this section, the commission shall require all public utilities, cooperative corporations and unincorporated associations providing local exchange telecommunication service to participate in the plan, except as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) In lieu of participation in the commission’s plan to assist low income customers, a public utility, cooperative corporation or unincorporated association providing local exchange telecommunication service may apply to the commission to establish an alternative plan for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of section 2, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, and supporting broadband internet access service for its own customers. The commission shall adopt standards for determining the adequacy of alternative plans.

(4) The commission may contract with any governmental agency to assist the commission in the administration of any assistance plan adopted pursuant to this section.

(5) As used in sections 2 to 6, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, “low income customer” has the meaning given that term by the commission by rule.

**SECTION 2.** Section 16, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, as amended by section 4, chapter 622, Oregon Laws 1991, section 1, chapter 481, Oregon Laws 1997, section 1, chapter 408, Oregon Laws 2001, section 1, chapter 544, Oregon Laws 2009, and section 4, chapter 434, Oregon Laws 2017 is amended to read:

**Sec. 16.** [(1)(a) Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 15, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, are repealed on January 1, 2023.]

*[(b) Section 6, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, as amended by section 1, chapter 622, Oregon Laws 1991, section 1, chapter 29, Oregon Laws 2007, section 25, chapter 599, Oregon Laws 2009, section 1, chapter 77, Oregon Laws 2011, and section 1, chapter 29, Oregon Laws 2013, is repealed on January 1, 2023.]*

*[(c) Section 2, chapter 204, Oregon Laws 2005, as amended by section 359, chapter 70, Oregon Laws 2007, is repealed on January 1, 2023.]*

*[(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if the participation rate in the plan of assistance established by the Public Utility Commission under section 6, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, increases to at least 26 percent between January 1, 2018, and January 1, 2023:]*

*[(a)] (1) Sections 1, 2, 3, 4[, 5] and 15, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, are repealed on January 1, 2030.*

**(2) Section 5, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, as amended by section 104, chapter 356, Oregon Laws 2017, is repealed on January 1, 2030.**

*[(b)] (3) Section 6, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, as amended by section 1, chapter 622, Oregon Laws 1991, section 1, chapter 29, Oregon Laws 2007, section 25, chapter 599, Oregon Laws 2009, section 1, chapter 77, Oregon Laws 2011, [and] section 1, chapter 29, Oregon Laws 2013, **section 1, chapter 91, Oregon Laws 2019, and section 1 of this 2021 Act**, is repealed on January 1, 2030.*

*[(c)] (4) Section 2, chapter 204, Oregon Laws 2005, as amended by section 359, chapter 70, Oregon Laws 2007, is repealed on January 1, 2030.*

**Passed by House April 5, 2021**

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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