

HB 2475-8  
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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT (at the request of Representative Marsh)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2475**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “utilities;” insert “creating new  
2 provisions; and”.

3 On page 2, after line 45, insert:

4 “(c) The total aggregate financial assistance available to all organizations  
5 that represent the interests described in paragraph (a)(B) and (C) of this  
6 subsection from all public utilities providing electricity or natural gas may  
7 not exceed \$500,000 annually.

8 “(d) The commission shall establish a process for evaluating and approv-  
9 ing an agreement described in this section that includes the provision of fi-  
10 nancial assistance to organizations that represent the interests described in  
11 paragraph (a)(B) or (C) of this subsection. The commission must evaluate and  
12 approve an agreement described in this paragraph before financial assistance  
13 may be provided under the agreement. The agreement described in this par-  
14 agraph shall govern the manner in which financial assistance may be pro-  
15 vided to an organization found by the commission to be qualified under  
16 paragraph (a)(B) or (C) of this subsection. More than one public utility or  
17 organization may join in a single agreement described in this paragraph.”.

18 On page 3, after line 11, insert:

19 **“SECTION 4. The Public Utility Commission shall, no later than  
20 September 15, 2025, provide a report to the interim committees of the  
21 Legislative Assembly related to energy that discusses, for the period**

1 beginning on the effective date of this 2021 Act and ending December  
2 31, 2024, the implementation and impacts of the amendments to ORS  
3 757.072 by section 3 of this 2021 Act. The report shall include, but need  
4 not be limited to:

5 “(1) A description of the process established under ORS 757.072 (2)(d)  
6 and any other rules, orders, processes or polices adopted or established  
7 by the commission as necessary to implement the amendments to ORS  
8 757.072 by section 3 of this 2021 Act; and

9 “(2) A detailed description of the organizations described in ORS  
10 757.072 (2)(a)(B) and (C) that received funding during the period subject  
11 to reporting that includes, for each organization, a description of:

12 “(a) The proceedings for which the organization received financial  
13 assistance;

14 “(b) The amount of financial assistance received by the organization  
15 for each proceeding;

16 “(c) The issues raised by the organization in each proceeding for  
17 which the organization received financial assistance; and

18 “(d) The outcome within each proceeding with regard to the issues  
19 described in paragraph (c) of this subsection.

20 “SECTION 5. Section 4 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2,  
21 2026.

22 “SECTION 6. Section 7 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part  
23 of ORS chapter 757.

24 “SECTION 7. (1) In addition to comprehensive classifications, tariff  
25 schedules, rates and bill credits, the Public Utility Commission may  
26 address the mitigation of energy burdens through bill reduction  
27 measures or programs that may include, but need not be limited to,  
28 demand response or weatherization.

29 “(2) The costs of tariff schedules, rates, bill credits or program  
30 discounts allowed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section must be

1 **collected in the rates of an electric company through charges paid by**  
2 **all retail electricity consumers, such that retail electricity consumers**  
3 **that purchase electricity from electricity service suppliers pay the**  
4 **same amount to address the mitigation of energy burdens as retail**  
5 **electricity consumers that are not served by electricity service suppli-**  
6 **ers.”.**

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