

Page 3, Line 1-15; “(6) Nothing in this section prohibits the **recovery of costs** deferred under ORS 757.259 Upon request of the public utility, the commission by order shall allow deferral of amounts provided as financial assistance under an agreement entered into under ORS **757.072 (Agreements for financial assistance to organizations representing customer interests)** for later incorporation in rates.

ORS 757.072¹

Agreements for financial assistance to organizations representing customer interests

• **rules**

(1)A public utility providing electricity or natural gas may enter into a written agreement with an organization that represents broad customer interests in regulatory proceedings conducted by the Public Utility Commission relating to public utilities that provide electricity or natural gas. The agreement shall govern the manner in which financial assistance may be provided to the organization. The agreement may provide for financial assistance to other organizations found by the commission to be qualified under subsection (2) of this section. More than one public utility or organization may join in a single agreement. Any agreement entered into under this section must be approved by the commission before any financial assistance is provided under the agreement.

(2)Financial assistance under an agreement entered into under this section may be provided only to organizations that represent broad customer interests in regulatory proceedings before the commission relating to public utilities that provide electricity or natural gas. The commission by rule shall establish such qualifications as the commission deems appropriate for determining which organizations are eligible for financial assistance under an agreement entered into under this section.

(3)In administering an agreement entered into under this section, the commission by rule or order may determine:

(a) The amount of financial assistance that may be provided to any organization;

(b) The manner in which the financial assistance will be distributed;

(c) The manner in which the financial assistance will be recovered in the rates of the public utility under subsection (4) of this section; **and**

(d) Other matters necessary to administer the agreement.

(4) The commission shall allow a public utility that provides financial assistance under this section to recover the amounts so provided in rates. The commission shall allow a public utility to defer inclusion of those amounts in rates as provided in ORS **757.259 (Amounts includable in rate schedule)** if the public utility so elects. An agreement under this section may not provide for payment of any amounts to the commission. [2003 c.234 §2].

Since the PUC is an agency of the state government, the state government cannot appropriate, lend money, or own stock in a private corporation. Sub-Section 4 is in complete opposition to Subsection 1-3. Legislative Assembly flipped on the “broad customer base” versus “commission which ‘organizations’ (meaning electric provider corporations) are eligible for financial assistance”.

Page 11, Line 10 – 29; the **authority** shall **cooperate with** local governments to establish clean air shelters ... the authority shall **provide and install** such a **filtration system** for the shelter.

Since the authority is an agency of the state government, the state government cannot appropriate, lend, invest money, or own stock in a corporation. Legislative Assembly will appropriate state tax revenue to (incorporated) local government under the scheme of “shared services”, that way the state government will

not be the direct financier, but the local civil corporation will fund to improve shelters, that may or may not be owned by the local government.

Page 11, Line 28 – 30; The authority may **issue grants** for the installation of smoke filtration systems in residential buildings, commercial buildings or buildings open to the public in areas susceptible to wildfire smoke.

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Page 12, Line 1 – 2; ...to wildfire smoke. The authority shall give **grant priority** to installations in residential buildings occupied by **persons of lower income**

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Page 12, Line 1 – 2; “(3) The authority **may adopt rules** establishing **standards for smoke filtration systems** obtained with **grant moneys** received under this section (from the legislative assembly), including, but not limited to, minimum acceptable efficiency for the removal of particulates and other harmful substances generated by wildfires.

Page 14, Line 15 – 18; “**(2)** The department shall:

“(a) In collaboration with the Oregon State University Extension Service and other entities, identify strategic landscapes that are **ready for treatment**, as described in subparagraph **(B)**

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Page 14, Line 24 – 25; “**(B)** On **lands currently approved for treatment** projects under the National Environmental Policy Act (**42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.**)ⁱ

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Page 22, Line 21 – 24; “(3) The State Forester may **provide financial assistance to counties** for carrying out county duties under subsection **(2)** of this section from any funds made available to the State Forester and designated for that purpose.

Since the ‘authority’ is an agency of the state government, the state government cannot appropriate, lend, invest money, or own stock in a corporation. Legislative Assembly will appropriate state revenue to local government (civil corporation) under the scheme of “shared services” or some other moniker that does not reveal the transmission of state revenue directly county civil corporations.

Page 44, Line 11-18; *Section 41 and 42 no statement of the amount for appropriation.*

ⁱ 42 U.S.C. § 4321 Congressional declaration of purpose The purposes of this chapter are:

To declare a national policy which will encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man; to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation; and to establish a Council on Environmental Quality. (Pub. L. 91-190, Sec. 2, Jan. 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852.)