

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3378

By COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

April 10

- 1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “resilience” insert “; and prescribing an effective date”.
- 2 Delete lines 4 through 25 and insert:
- 3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that each county should plan for and**
- 4 **develop energy resilience and be prepared, in the event of major grid disruption, to maintain**
- 5 **basic services and functions.**
- 6 **“(2) In order to carry out the provisions set forth in subsection (1) of this section, a**
- 7 **county may:**
- 8 **“(a) Develop and adopt an energy resilience plan; and**
- 9 **“(b) Incorporate the energy resilience plan into the county’s applicable natural hazard**
- 10 **mitigation plan.**
- 11 **“(3) An energy resilience plan developed under this section must:**
- 12 **“(a) Be based on and plan for short-term, medium-term and long-term power outages.**
- 13 **“(b) Identify and map:**
- 14 **“(A) Existing energy infrastructure located within the county, including transmission**
- 15 **lines, distribution lines, substations and energy storage systems;**
- 16 **“(B) Natural hazard risks; and**
- 17 **“(C) Communities that experience social vulnerability.**
- 18 **“(c) Identify potential locations for community resilience centers and communication**
- 19 **zones that the public may use to access electricity services during a power outage;**
- 20 **“(d) Inventory the energy consumption needs of critical public services facilities;**
- 21 **“(e) Identify critical public services facilities where the development of alternate energy**
- 22 **generation and storage resources will meet local energy resilience needs;**
- 23 **“(f) Identify opportunities to coordinate and locate energy infrastructure development to**
- 24 **align with and support critical public services facilities;**
- 25 **“(g) Identify time schedules, priorities and potential funding sources for developing en-**
- 26 **ergy resilience; and**
- 27 **“(h) Identify other actions and resources needed to implement the energy resilience plan.**
- 28 **“(4)(a) To identify and map communities that experience social vulnerabilities under**
- 29 **subsection (3)(b)(C) of this section, a county shall consult with representatives from local**
- 30 **environmental justice communities.**
- 31 **“(b) A county shall use the locations of communities that experience social vulnerabilities**
- 32 **to prioritize the potential locations of community resilience centers under subsection (3)(c)**
- 33 **of this section.**
- 34 **“(5) A public utility that is operating or serving customers within the boundaries of a**
- 35 **county that is developing an energy resilience plan shall use reasonable efforts to assist with**

1 and comply with requests from the county for information regarding energy infrastructure
2 that is located or serving customers within the boundaries of the county, provided that the
3 information is exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.355.

4 “(6) As used in this section, ‘critical public services facility’ includes a facility related to
5 law enforcement, fire protection, health and medical services, sanitation services, fuel and
6 fueling, public works and engineering, public information and communications and emer-
7 gency response.

8 “SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Energy shall establish a program for awarding
9 grants to counties to cover the costs of developing energy resilience plans that meet the
10 requirements under section 1 (3) of this 2023 Act.

11 “(2) Under the program:

12 “(a) A county shall use grant moneys to cover the costs of developing an energy
13 resilience plan that meets the requirements listed under section 1 (3) of this 2023 Act;

14 “(b) A county may be awarded a total of no more than \$50,000;

15 “(c) Counties may combine and use together grant moneys that have been awarded to the
16 counties;

17 “(d) A county may use grant award moneys to cover:

18 “(A) The salaries and expenses of county employees for the time the employees work on
19 developing an energy resilience plan;

20 “(B) The costs to hire or contract with a technical assistance provider; and

21 “(C) Any other necessary costs as approved by the department; and

22 “(e) The department may issue grant award moneys to a county or directly to a technical
23 assistance provider or providers hired or contracted by the county.

24 “(3) The department shall establish the:

25 “(a) Application process;

26 “(b) Eligibility criteria for awarding grants;

27 “(c) Process of awarding grants; and

28 “(d) Requirements for reporting on the use of grant award moneys by grantees.

29 “(4) No later than September 15, 2025, the department shall submit a report in the man-
30 ner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related
31 to energy. The report must, at a minimum:

32 “(a) Identify the counties that have received grants under the program and describe the
33 status of the counties’ energy resilience plans;

34 “(b) Identify opportunities to incorporate county energy resilience plans into a state en-
35 ergy resilience plan and other planning efforts; and

36 “(c) Make recommendations for improvements to the program and investments that
37 would improve future planning efforts.

38 “SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

39 “SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
40 priated to the State Department of Energy, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of
41 the General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000, to be used to provide grants under the program
42 established under section 2 of this 2023 Act.

43 “SECTION 5. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023
44 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.