

SB 577 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires an electric utility to recover the costs, in rates, of storing the waste produced by an energy facility in generating electricity. The Act requires a person who develops an energy facility to disclose the costs of storing the waste produced by the energy facility in generating electricity. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Three investor-owned electric utilities operate in Oregon. Investor-owned electric utilities provide service to approximately 74 percent of the customers in the state and are regulated by the Public Utility Commission. There are five electricity service suppliers, 19 cooperatives, 12 municipal-owned, and six people's utility district electricity suppliers in the state. Those non-investor-owned utilities are governed by their governing bodies.