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Bill Title: Relating to fees imposed by the Public Utility Commission; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Public Utility Commission

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - see explanatory analysis.

Summary of Revenue Impact

Agency -- Fund Type	2025-27 Biennium	2027-29 Biennium
Public Utility Commission -- Other Funds	\$ 13,657,364	\$ 13,032,428
Total Revenue Impact	\$ 13,657,364	\$ 13,032,428

Measure Description

The measure increases the statutory fee cap on the rate the Public Utility Commission (PUC) may charge public utilities under ORS 756.310 from 0.45 percent to 0.55 percent of a utility's gross operating revenues derived within Oregon in the preceding calendar year. The measure applies to fees assessed by PUC on or after the measure's effective date.

Fiscal Analysis

The approval of the fee cap increase would directly impact the Utility Regulation and Administration programs, both of which are funded through PUC's Other Funds Limited budget. Fees collected from utility providers are the primary revenue source supporting these programs. The measure authorizes PUC to increase the maximum annual fee from 0.45 percent to 0.55 percent of gross operating revenues on regulated energy and water utilities. Separate provisions governing the assessment of telecommunications providers would remain unchanged. Any new or increased fees adopted by PUC by rule, as allowed under this measure, would be subject to the legislative fee approval process outlined in ORS 291.050 and ORS 291.055.

If the Commission were to adopt the full 0.55 percent rate, estimated additional Other Funds revenue could total \$13,657,364 in the 2025-27 biennium and \$13,032,428 in the 2027-29 biennium. However, fee increases are not currently proposed for the 2025-27 and 2027-29 biennia. If a fee increase is proposed, PUC would need legislative approval as well as authorization to adjust its expenditure limitation.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.