

SB 5519 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 2/10, 2/11, 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure is the fee ratification bill for the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE). The measure includes changes to fees that were administratively adopted or adjusted by rule during the interim and must be ratified by the Legislature during the next session. The measure includes changes to the Large Electric Consumer Public Purpose Program (LECPPP), also known as the Self-Direct Program, application fee from 2% to 4% to fund administration of the program as directed in ORS 757.612(3)(c). The fee is set in Oregon Administrative Rule at up to 4%. The fee increase is necessary due to reduced volume of projects and steady program costs leading to a deficit and anticipated depleted fund balance by the end of the 2023-25 biennium. Prior to administrative adoption of the increased fee, the Department communicated the intent to raise fees with interested parties and received no objections.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 291.055 stipulates that all new state agency fees or fee increases adopted between the date of adjournment sine die of a regular session of the Legislative Assembly, and the date of adjournment sine die of the next regular session of the Legislative Assembly, are rescinded upon adjournment sine die of the next regular session unless the fee is authorized by enabling legislation.