

House Bill 3698

Sponsored by Representative SCHARF

SUMMARY

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Digest: This Act tells data centers to report how much water and electricity they use each quarter. The Act tells the EQC to adopt emissions rules for generators used at data centers. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Directs data centers to report water and electricity used to the Water Resources Department and the State Department of Energy. Requires the State Department of Energy to publish summaries of reported information on a website.

Directs the Environmental Quality Commission to adopt emissions standards for standby generators used at data centers.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to data centers.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) No later than two months after the close of each calendar quarter, a data**
5 **center, as defined in ORS 308.505, shall:**

6 (a) **Report to the Water Resources Department, in the manner provided by ORS 537.101**
7 **and the rules adopted thereunder, the amount of water used by the data center during the**
8 **previous calendar quarter. The department shall transmit reports received under this section**
9 **to the State Department of Energy.**

10 (b) **Report to the State Department of Energy the amount of electricity used by the data**
11 **center during the previous calendar quarter.**

12 (2) **The State Department of Energy shall publish on a website maintained by the de-**
13 **partment a summary of the information reported by each data center under subsection (1)**
14 **of this section.**

15 **SECTION 2. The State Department of Energy shall establish a website for publishing in-**
16 **formation reported under section 1 of this 2025 Act no later than July 1, 2027.**

17 **SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 468A.**

18 **SECTION 4. The Environmental Quality Commission shall, pursuant to ORS 468A.025,**
19 **adopt emissions standards to control the discharge of air contaminants from standby gen-**
20 **erators used at data centers, as defined in ORS 308.505.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.