Senate Bill 334

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.** The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Makes the DCBS do a study on financial impacts of wildfire damages. Directs the DCBS to submit a report on its findings. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.0).

Directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services to study certain financial impacts of wildfire damages. Directs the department to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources not later than September 15, 2026. Sunsets January 2, 2027.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to damages incurred as a result of wildfire.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall study the impact of wildfire damages on:
 - (a) The cost of, and access to, capital and insurance for electric utilities;
 - (b) The affordability of electricity for electric utility customers;
 - (c) The long-term solvency of electric utilities in Oregon; and
 - (d) The long-term capacity of electric utilities to deliver electricity in Oregon.
 - (2) The department shall submit a report on the study in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources no later than September 15, 2026.
- 13 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

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