

Senate Bill 926

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB

SUMMARY

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Digest: Bans the recoupment of certain costs that a power company incurs from claims based on a wildfire. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1).

Prohibits the recovery from customers of certain costs and expenses that an electric company incurs as a result of allegations of a wildfire resulting from the negligence or a higher degree of fault on the part of the electric company.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to wildfires resulting from the fault of an electric company.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 757.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

6 (a) **"Electric company" means an electric company, as defined in ORS 757.600, that ser-**
7 **vices electricity to more than 25,000 retail electricity consumers located in this state.**

8 (b) **"Retail electricity consumer" has the meaning given that term in ORS 757.600.**

9 (2) **The following costs and expenses that an electric company incurs are not recoverable**
10 **from retail electricity consumers:**

11 (a) **Costs and expenses that are, or are associated with, a criminal or civil fine or penalty**
12 **that is based on allegations that a wildfire resulted from the negligence or a higher degree**
13 **of fault on the part of the electric company.**

14 (b) **Costs and expenses that are, or are associated with, a judgment or settlement from**
15 **a civil action that is based on allegations of losses, expenses or damages caused by a wildfire**
16 **that resulted from the negligence or a higher degree of fault on the part of the electric**
17 **company.**

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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.