

Requested by Representative HELM

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2985**

1 On page 4 of the printed bill, delete lines 12 through 24 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 756.518 is amended to read:

3 “756.518. (1) Except as [*otherwise provided the provisions of ORS*] **pro-**
4 **vided in subsection (2) of this section, the provisions of ORS 183.413 to**
5 **183.470 and** 756.500 to 756.610 apply to and govern all hearings upon any
6 matter or issue coming before the Public Utility Commission under any
7 statute administered by the commission, whether instituted on the applica-
8 tion, petition or complaint of others or initiated by the commission, together
9 with the orders of the commission therein and the review thereof in the
10 courts.

11 “[*(2) Upon request of any party in a major proceeding before the commis-*
12 *sion, the commission shall afford the parties an opportunity for oral argument*
13 *before a final order is issued. There must be a quorum of the commission*
14 *present at the time the oral argument is made. The commission shall adopt*
15 *rules that establish criteria for determining which proceedings give rise to a*
16 *right to oral argument under this subsection. In addition, the commission may*
17 *adopt rules governing participation in oral arguments, cross-examination of*
18 *witnesses, draft or proposed orders or such other matters as the commission*
19 *deems appropriate.*”]

20 **“(2) The provisions of ORS 183.413 to 183.470 and 756.500 to 756.610**
21 **relating to contested cases do not apply to proceedings in which the**

1 **commission does not finally determine the individual rights, duties,**
2 **or privileges of any party and has not otherwise by rule or order pro-**
3 **vided for hearings substantially of the character required by ORS**
4 **183.413 to 183.470 and 756.500 to 756.610.”.**

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