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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT (at the request of Representative John Lively)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2065**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28 and delete page  
2 2 insert:

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

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

6 **“(a) ‘Community microgrid’ means a microgrid that is located**  
7 **within a geographical area that a local government, as defined in ORS**  
8 **197.015, designates as a microgrid zone.**

9 **“(b) ‘Microgrid’ means a group of interconnected loads and distrib-**  
10 **uted energy resources within clearly defined electrical boundaries that**  
11 **functions as a single controllable system, irrespective of whether the**  
12 **microgrid is operating independently of or in conjunction with an**  
13 **electric grid.**

14 **“(c) ‘Public utility’ means a utility regulated by the Public Utility**  
15 **Commission under ORS chapter 757 that provides electric power to**  
16 **consumers.**

17 **“(d) ‘Technical data’ includes:**

18 **“(A) Substation and circuit load profiles;**

19 **“(B) Geographic information system maps of utility infrastructure;**

20 **“(C) Equipment specifications, age and capacity ratings;**

21 **“(D) The maximum amount of power that can be added to a dis-**

1 **tribution system without requiring infrastructure upgrades for dis-**  
2 **tributed energy resources;**

3 **“(E) Protection coordination schemes and fault current data; and**

4 **“(F) Standards, tariffs and technical requirements for intercon-**  
5 **nection.**

6 **“(2) When a person applies to a public utility for authority to**  
7 **interconnect a microgrid or community microgrid with the public**  
8 **utility’s transmission or distribution system and the public utility**  
9 **concludes that the proposed interconnection requires a study or engi-**  
10 **neering evaluation, the person shall have the option to:**

11 **“(a) Agree to have the public utility conduct the study or evalu-**  
12 **ation; or**

13 **“(b) Contract with a third-party consultant to conduct the study**  
14 **or evaluation, subject to the public utility’s reasonable review and**  
15 **approval of the study or evaluation.**

16 **“(3) A person that agrees to have the public utility conduct the**  
17 **study or engineering evaluation under subsection (2) of this section**  
18 **shall reimburse the public utility for the reasonable costs incurred by**  
19 **the public utility in performing the study or evaluation.**

20 **“(4) A public utility may, as a technical collaborator, contract with**  
21 **a third-party consultant to conduct the study or engineering evalu-**  
22 **ation requested under subsection (2) of this section.**

23 **“(5) A report that is produced from a study or engineering evalu-**  
24 **ation conducted under subsection (2) of this section and has received**  
25 **a professional engineer stamp approving the report shall be considered**  
26 **a final report for purposes of review by a public utility of an applica-**  
27 **tion to interconnect a microgrid or community microgrid with the**  
28 **public utility’s transmission or distribution system.**

29 **“(6)(a) If a person contracts with a third-party consultant to con-**  
30 **duct a study or evaluation under subsection (2)(b) of this section, the**

1 **third-party consultant may submit a written request to a public utility**  
2 **for all technical data necessary to conduct the study or evaluation.**  
3 **The public utility shall provide the technical data:**

4 **“(A) Within 21 days from the date of the request; and**

5 **“(B) In a standardized, machine-readable format, except as other-**  
6 **wise agreed.**

7 **“(b) A public utility may redact data from the technical data that**  
8 **the public utility provides if disclosure of the data jeopardizes grid**  
9 **security or violates federal or state law. If a public utility redacts data,**  
10 **the public utility shall provide a mutually acceptable alternative that**  
11 **enables the third-party consultant to conduct the study or evaluation.**

12 **“(c) A public utility shall clearly identify information the public**  
13 **utility provides that is proprietary.**

14 **“(d) A public utility shall designate a liaison who is available to**  
15 **clarify data, resolve ambiguities and explain technical requirements**  
16 **during the design phase.**

17 **“(e) A public utility may charge for the reasonable and actual costs**  
18 **incurred by the public utility in preparing and providing technical data**  
19 **under this subsection.**

20 **“(7)(a) A third-party consultant who is conducting a study or eval-**  
21 **uation under subsection (2)(b) of this section may submit to a public**  
22 **utility a preliminary design for review by the public utility. The pre-**  
23 **liminary design may include proposed microgrid and distributed en-**  
24 **ergy resources specifications and alignment with technical data.**

25 **“(b) A public utility shall provide within 30 days from the date a**  
26 **preliminary design is submitted written feedback on the preliminary**  
27 **design that identifies potential compliance issues or modifications to**  
28 **the design that are needed.**

29 **“(c) A third-party consultant may incorporate feedback and submit**  
30 **an interconnection application along with a final report to the public**

1 utility.

2 “(d) A public utility may not charge for conducting a preliminary  
3 design review under this subsection.

4 “(8)(a) A public utility has sole authority to approve or deny an  
5 application to interconnect a microgrid or community microgrid with  
6 the public utility’s transmission or distribution system under this  
7 section. The decision to approve or deny an application must be based  
8 on safety, reliability and compliance with published standards.

9 “(b) In reviewing applications under this section, a public utility  
10 shall prioritize the review of applications that are based on designs  
11 that adhere to and incorporate published standards, technical data  
12 provided by the public utility and feedback provided under subsection  
13 (7) of this section. A public utility shall approve or deny an application  
14 that is given priority under this paragraph within 90 days from the  
15 date the application is submitted to the public utility.

16 “(9) This section does not apply to an interconnection between a  
17 microgrid or community microgrid and a public utility that is subject  
18 to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

19 “SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
20 date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative  
21 Assembly adjourns sine die.”.

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