

HB 3984-2
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Requested by Representative MARSH

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3984**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “wildfires” insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Public Utility Commission shall commission**
5 **a third-party expert to conduct a study and examine issues related to**
6 **catastrophic wildfire risk and recovery and develop a range of scenar-**
7 **ios for a balanced solution.**

8 **“(2) The study must:**

9 **“(a) Articulate and examine the negative consequences of cat-**
10 **astrophic wildfires, including:**

11 **“(A) The risks and impacts of electricity service disruption to**
12 **communities located in areas with high risk of wildfires, including**
13 **electricity service disruption resulting from wildfire mitigation prac-**
14 **tices;**

15 **“(B) The liability risks from wildfires for an electric company and**
16 **the effects of those risks on an electric company’s ability to access**
17 **capital or insurance, and the secondary effects on customers, the**
18 **state’s economic growth, electricity reliability, electricity generated**
19 **from zero-emissions or renewable resources and the ability of the state**
20 **to achieve the clean energy targets set forth in ORS 469A.410 and other**
21 **state policy goals; and**

1 “(C) The pace of wildfire recovery funding;

2 “(b) Outline a range of policy options, including their essential ele-
3 ments, that balance the needs of communities impacted by a wildfire
4 and utility customers. The range of policy options must address:

5 “(A) A process by which communities and individuals who are im-
6 pacted by a wildfire that is caused by utility infrastructure may re-
7 ceive fair and expedient economic compensation for damages resulting
8 from the wildfire;

9 “(B) An overall approach that supports stable access to low-cost
10 capital in order to advance the state’s economic growth, electricity
11 reliability, electricity generated from zero-emissions or renewable re-
12 sources and the ability of the state to achieve the clean energy targets
13 set forth in ORS 469A.410 and other state policy goals; and

14 “(C) The process and timing by which the causes of a wildfire are
15 determined; and

16 “(c) Enumerate the steps required to implement the proposed policy
17 option solutions and provide a general cost estimate for carrying out
18 the administrative implementation steps with enough sufficiency to
19 support a fiscal impact analysis.

20 “(3) During the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative
21 Assembly, the commission shall provide an interim report, in the
22 manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the committees of the Legislative
23 Assembly related to energy and environment on the study’s findings
24 and recommendations. The commission shall consult with the State
25 Forestry Department and the State Fire Marshal and provide recom-
26 mendations for a stakeholder process to follow the final study report,
27 with the goal of the stakeholder process being to develop recommen-
28 dations for legislation for the 2027 regular session of the Eighty-fourth
29 Legislative Assembly.

30 “(4) The commission shall assess a fee against the electric compa-

