

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 1597**

Ordered by the Senate February 18  
Including Senate Amendments dated February 18

Sponsored by Senators FREDERICK, MANNING JR, Representatives SANCHEZ, GAMBA; Senators GOLDEN, JAMA, PHAM K, PROZANSKI, Representatives ANDERSEN, HELM, ISADORE, NELSON, NGUYEN D, PHAM H, WISE (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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest:** Makes a power provider tell the public the costs to store nuclear waste made from making electric power. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.6).

[Digest: Makes a power provider disclose the costs to store the waste made from making electric power. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6).]

Requires an electric utility to disclose to its customers the costs of storing [**the**] **nuclear** waste produced by an energy facility in generating electricity. Requires a person who develops an energy facility to disclose to the electric utility and the public the costs of storing [**the**] **any nuclear** waste produced by the energy facility in generating electricity.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to energy generation; and prescribing an effective date.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 757.

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

(a) "Electric utility" means a public utility, a people's utility district organized under ORS chapter 261, a municipal utility operating under ORS chapter 225 or a cooperative organized under ORS chapter 62 that provides or delivers electricity service.

(b) "Energy facility" means a nuclear energy facility located in Oregon that commences generating electricity on or after the effective date of this 2026 Act.

(2) An electric utility shall disclose to its customers the costs of storing nuclear waste produced by an energy facility in generating electricity that the electric utility recovers in the rates of the electric utility.

(3) Prior to developing the energy facility, a person who seeks to develop an energy facility to generate electricity that is to be sold by an electric utility shall disclose to the electric utility and the public the costs of storing nuclear waste that will be produced by the energy facility in generating electricity.

**SECTION 3.** This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

**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.