

COIN LEGISLATIVE WORKSHEET

Bill Number: [HB 3792 A](#)

Brief Description of Bill: HB 3792 A makes changes to the Oregon Energy Assistance Program, basically by doubling the amount ratepayers are charged to help low-income customers avoid losing power for nonpayment. The cost has been estimated by some climate groups to be an additional 60 cents per month for a ratepayer.

Under [HB 3792 A](#) electric companies must set rates to collect at least \$40 million per year (double the current amount) to help low income customers. No ratepayer will be charged more than \$1000 per month (2x the current amount) for low income assistance. The electric companies must do an assessment of the need for help every 2 years; if the increased needed is more than 2.5%, a report with recommendations must be made to the legislature.

Here is more information:

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/05/07/lawmakers-consider-slate-of-bills-regulating-private-utilities-costs-for-oregonians/>

<https://www.opb.org/article/2025/05/01/oregon-energy-affordability-resilience-law/>

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1. Research topic – choose which category best fits your bill:

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| ☒ Climate, Energy Environment | ☐ Housing/Houselessness |
| ☐ Campaign Finance Reform | ☐ Immigration/Social Justice |
| ☐ Healthcare/Gun Safety | ☐ Education |
| ☐ Transportation | ☐ Economics |
| ☐ Criminal Justice | ☐ Gun Safety |
| ☐ Other describe: Click or tap here to enter text. | |

2. The bill's Legislative champions –Chief Sponsors: Rep. Andersen

Regular Sponsors: Rep. Gamba, Sens. Meek, Reynolds

3. The bill's legislative opponents: At least some GOP as the bill was opposed in the Commerce and Consumer Committee by some GOP members though it passed the Committee by a 6-3 vote

4. What advocacy groups are supporting this bill and why are they supporting it? Provide contact information if available. (maximum 200 words) The bill is part of an Energy Affordability and Resilience Legislative package endorsed by a coalition of more than 50 climate groups. <https://www.opb.org/article/2025/05/01/oregon-energy-affordability-resilience-law/> It also has support from AARP and consumer groups.

5. What groups are opposing this bill and why are they opposing it? (maximum 200 words)
Portland General Electric

6. Reasons COIN should take a position on this bill. Choose all that apply:

☒ Progressive groups across the state care strongly about this.

☒ This Bill protects or expands the rights of marginalized populations.

☐ This bill helps change the structures of the democratic system to make it work better.

☒ This issue is controlled by the state or states have a great deal of power in it.

☐ Other

7. What is the likelihood this bill will pass? Unknown. The bill is currently in the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

8. List the relevant dates concerning the bill(s)-(scheduled committee hearings, votes, lobby days, other scheduled advocacy, phone banks, post card parties, etc). See above.

9. Please list any specific advocacy action you would like COIN to help with, any media contacts that may be helpful or any other important information?