

AGENCY RULEMAKING ACTIVITY

**Executive Summary
2024 Report to the Oregon Legislature**

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ORS 183.403 requires all agencies to report annually to the Legislature on rulemaking activities, especially about temporary (emergency) rules. This report covers the Oregon Public Utility Commission's (PUC's) rulemaking activities for the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

During this period, the PUC used temporary rulemaking processes in two instances, affecting six rules.

- In docket AR 666, the PUC adopted a temporary rule to amend OAR 860-032-0095 to correctly list the annual fee assessment for competitive telecommunications providers. These entities were paying the annual fee rate of 0.35 percent since 2019, consistent with ORS 756.310, but the change in statute was not reflected in the administrative rule. The temporary process was used to immediately and accurately reflect the 0.35 percent fee rate due from competitive telecommunications providers.
- In docket AR 667, the PUC adopted temporary rules to amend OAR 860-021-0330 and OAR 860-021-0407, and adopted temporary new rules OAR 860-021-0630, OAR 860-021-0640, and OAR 860-021-0650 to enhance and expand customer protections against utility service disconnection during the 2024-2025 winter heating season.

The remaining rulemaking activities affecting thirty-four rules were accomplished in six separate rulemaking proceedings (six dockets) following the permanent rulemaking procedures or by minor correction filings.

The full report is posted on the PUC website at:

(<https://www.oregon.gov/puc/forms/Forms%20and%20Reports/2024-Rulemaking-Activity-Legislative-Report.pdf>).