

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Accept Portland Utility Board First Annual Report to City Council  
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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

To report on the Portland Utility Board’s first year of work providing community oversight of the City’s public utilities, the Portland Water Bureau and the Bureau of Environmental Services.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

There is no budget impact associated with these code amendments.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

This Council item is a report on community oversight of Portland’s public utilities.

### Budgetary Impact Worksheet

**Does this action change appropriations?**

- YES: Please complete the information below.
- NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



Commissioner Nick Fish  
City of Portland

**DATE:** September 29, 2016  
**TO:** City Council  
**CC:** Council Clerk  
**FROM:** Commissioner Nick Fish *NF*  
**SUBJECT:** Accept 2016 Portland Utility Board Annual Report

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This presentation marks the first annual report of the Portland Utility Board (PUB).

In 2014, the City charged a Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) with improving oversight of the City's public utilities.

The BRC ultimately recommended a new committee – PUB – to replace three existing oversight bodies: the Portland Utility Review Board and budget advisory committees for the Portland Water Bureau and the Bureau of Environmental Services.

In its first year, PUB has done the hard work of establishing bylaws, becoming familiar with the complex operations and programs of the two bureaus, and setting priorities for this next year.

The Board also provided feedback on the bureaus' budgets, and weighed in on policy questions like the proposal to use T1 as a mass homeless shelter.

This Report includes an overview of the Board's activities to date and goals for next year.