

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Amend Portland Utility Board Code: equity and housekeeping changes. (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 3.123)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The proposed amendments are housekeeping changes that have been identified by the PUB to modernize language and bring it in line with current board practices.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The majority of changes have no financial impact. The removal of the prohibition on compensation in PCC 3.123.030 may have a minor financial impact to the PUB administration budget. This change allows for the possibility of stipends in accordance with City policy and/or guidance from Commissioner-in-Charge. Based on current estimates, with an anticipated limit per volunteer, if all voting board members were eligible and requested a stipend that could result in a total board cost of up to \$5,500 annually. The cost would be covered fully by utility rates through interagency agreement with the Portland Water Bureau and the Bureau of Environmental Services.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The proposed changes have impact citywide as it amends City Code for the Portland Utility Board. Some changes are simply updating code to reflect practices of the board, such as updating references to “the Chair” to “two co-chairs” to align with the current structure of the board. However, the PUB has also made changes to expand equity and inclusion with updating archaic language such as “citizens” to “people” as well as removing the prohibition of compensation for volunteer board members to reduce barriers to participation faced by BIPOC communities, low-income communities, people with disabilities and others who have been marginalized by government; and acknowledge the contributions and diverse perspectives and lived experiences on the board.

The PUB has discussed the proposed code and bylaw changes multiple times in public meetings from July 2019 to December 2021, with the topic clearly identified on public notices and sent to interested parties on the board notification list. The board formed a subcommittee to develop recommendations and final recommendations were presented and approved in public meetings through February 2021. Public comment was received and considered during some of the meetings.

100% Renewable Goal:

Not applicable

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