



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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### H.B. 554

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(H. Public Utilities)

This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

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<b>Renewable energy freeze extension</b>	Extends, as the annual requirement, the 2016 level of the renewable energy requirement (2.5% of the electricity supplied by electric distribution utilities (EDUs) and electric services companies (ESCs), including 0.12% from solar energy) through 2027 ( <i>R.C. 4928.64</i> ).	No provision.
<b>Termination of renewable energy requirements</b>	Terminates the renewable-energy requirement after 2027, rather than continuing the requirements indefinitely into the future ( <i>R.C. 4928.64</i> ).	No provision.
<b>Renewable energy requirements for 2017, 2018, and 2019</b>	No provision.	Effectively makes the renewable energy requirements for 2017, 2018, and 2019 no longer true requirements, by: (1) eliminating the noncompliance payments for those years, (2) eliminating the requirement that the Public

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		Utilities Commission (PUCO) review compliance in those years, (3) maintaining that noncompliance payments are to be imposed in other years in which there are requirements, (4) specifying that the imposition of noncompliance payments is the sole penalty for noncompliance with the renewable energy provisions, and (5) changing references to the renewable energy <i>requirements</i> to the renewable energy <i>provisions</i> (R.C. 4928.64, 4928.643, 4928.645, 4928.65, and 5727.75).
<b>Energy efficiency requirement freeze extension</b>	Extends the current level of the energy efficiency requirement (maintaining at least the cumulative 4.2% savings achieved since 2009 by an EDU based on a formula) through 2027 (R.C. 4928.66).	No provision.
<b>Energy efficiency requirements for 2016 and 2020 through 2027</b>	No provision.	Effectively makes 2016 and 2020 through 2027 the only years in which the energy efficiency savings are truly requirements, by: (1) specifying that EDUs are subject to forfeitures for noncompliance only in those years, (2) limiting the PUCO's requirement to assess forfeitures to only those years, and (3) specifying that the assessment of forfeitures is the sole penalty for noncompliance with the energy efficiency provisions (R.C. 4928.66).

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<b>Annual and cumulative energy efficiency savings changes</b>	Maintain at least the cumulative 4.2% savings freeze amount with no annual requirement if that amount is maintained ( <i>R.C. 4928.66</i> ).	Changes the annual amounts of the energy efficiency savings as follows, resulting in a decrease to the cumulative requirement, from 22.2% to 17.2%: <table border="1" data-bbox="1255 386 1892 873"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1255 386 1465 430">Year</th> <th data-bbox="1465 386 1675 430">Current law</th> <th data-bbox="1675 386 1892 430">L 131 2143-3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td data-bbox="1255 430 1465 474">2017</td><td data-bbox="1465 430 1675 474">1%</td><td data-bbox="1675 430 1892 474">1%</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1255 474 1465 518">2018</td><td data-bbox="1465 474 1675 518">1%</td><td data-bbox="1675 474 1892 518">1%</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1255 518 1465 561">2019</td><td data-bbox="1465 518 1675 561">1%</td><td data-bbox="1675 518 1892 561">1%</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1255 561 1465 605">2020</td><td data-bbox="1465 561 1675 605">1%</td><td data-bbox="1675 561 1892 605">1%</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1255 605 1465 649">2021</td><td data-bbox="1465 605 1675 649">2%</td><td data-bbox="1675 605 1892 649">1%</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1255 649 1465 693">2022</td><td data-bbox="1465 649 1675 693">2%</td><td data-bbox="1675 649 1892 693">1%</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1255 693 1465 737">2023</td><td data-bbox="1465 693 1675 737">2%</td><td data-bbox="1675 693 1892 737">1%</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1255 737 1465 781">2024</td><td data-bbox="1465 737 1675 781">2%</td><td data-bbox="1675 737 1892 781">1%</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1255 781 1465 824">2025</td><td data-bbox="1465 781 1675 824">2%</td><td data-bbox="1675 781 1892 824">1%</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1255 824 1465 868">2026</td><td data-bbox="1465 824 1675 868">2%</td><td data-bbox="1675 824 1892 868">2%</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1255 868 1465 912">2027</td><td data-bbox="1465 868 1675 912">2%</td><td data-bbox="1675 868 1892 912">2%</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Current law	L 131 2143-3	2017	1%	1%	2018	1%	1%	2019	1%	1%	2020	1%	1%	2021	2%	1%	2022	2%	1%	2023	2%	1%	2024	2%	1%	2025	2%	1%	2026	2%	2%	2027	2%	2%
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<b>Peak demand reduction freeze extension</b>	Extends the current level of the peak demand reduction requirement (maintaining at least 4.75% peak demand reduction achieved since 2009 by an EDU based on a formula) through 2020 ( <i>R.C. 4928.66</i> ).	No provision.																																				
<b>Peak demand reduction requirements for 2016 and 2020</b>	No provision.	Effectively makes 2016 and 2020 the only years in which peak demand reductions are truly requirements, by: (1) specifying that EDUs are subject to forfeitures for noncompliance only in those years, (2) limiting the PUCO's requirement to assess forfeitures to only those years, and (3) specifying that the assessment of forfeitures is the sole penalty for noncompliance with the peak demand provisions ( <i>R.C. 4928.66</i> ).																																				



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<b>EDU and ESC reporting requirement</b>	No provision.	Requires every EDU and ESC to submit an annual report to the PUCO by July 1, detailing the status of compliance with the renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction provisions, as applicable ( <i>R.C. 4928.6620</i> ).
<b>Amendment of uncodified provisions from S.B. 310</b>	No provision.	Amends uncodified law from S.B. 310 (130th General Assembly) to clarify that the law as amended by S.B. 310 stays in effect until this substitute bill would take effect (Sections 3 and 4).

