74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2565 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Consent

House Committee on Energy and the Environment

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Burley, Cannon, Jenson, Macpherson, Smith G., Dingfelder

Nays: 0 Exc.: Beyer

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Meeting Dates: 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: For single-voltage external AC-to-DC power supply devices, modifies definition to exclude devices classified for human use under federal law; excludes from energy efficiency standards those power supply devices sold as spare parts within five years of sale of a product requiring a power supply; applies existing energy efficiency standards to devices manufactured on or after July 1, 2007; modifies energy efficiency standards applicable to devices manufactured on or after July 1, 2008; clarifies testing requirements for power supply devices. Applies existing energy efficiency standards to state regulated incandescent reflector lamps manufactured on or after January 1, 2008 and excludes certain incandescent reflector lamps from energy efficiency standards. Requires Oregon Department of Energy (ODE) to waive labeling of energy efficient devices labeled in compliance with federal requirements, unless labeling is required for adequate consumer information. Authorizes ODE to update energy efficiency standards by rule to conform to adjoining states' standards; to alleviate hardship on manufacturers, retailers or the public; or to respond to federal action or consultations with manufacturers and other states. Allows ODE to postpone operative dates for standards for up to two years if other states have done so or if not doing so creates hardship for stakeholders or the public. Directs Governor to introduce legislation conforming statutes to ODE standard changes. Declares emergency, effective on passage, with modified energy efficiency standards operative July 1, 2008.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits and drawbacks of updating standards by rule versus by legislation
- Benefits to appliance manufacturers of uniform standards in west coast states

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendments

BACKGROUND: The 2005 Oregon Legislature passed HB 3363 creating energy efficiency standards, modeled after California standards, for a suite of electronic appliances and equipment. The California Energy Commission subsequently modified energy efficiency standards and effective dates for several products. HB 2565 conforms Oregon law to updated California standards and authorizes ODE to make future standard updates by rule.

Single-voltage external AC-to-DC power supplies are plug-in devices that charge direct current (DC) electronic equipment. Examples include chargers for portable phones, cellular phones, police radios and medical equipment.