74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2876 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Witt

House Committee on Energy and the Environment

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

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

Nays: - Exc.: Burley

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Meeting Dates: 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires a state agency authorized to finance construction or renovation of a state building to reduce the amount of energy the agency uses by at least 20 percent by June 30, 2015, from the amount the agency used in calendar year 2000. Requires the agency, by January 1, 2009, to prepare a plan for meeting the requirement to reduce energy use, and requires agency to report periodically to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODE) regarding energy use. Requires an agency that fails to meet the requirement to submit a biennial energy conservation plan to ODE. Directs ODE to pre-qualify prospective bidders for state agency energy savings performance contracts. Authorizes ODE to recover, from authorized state agencies, the costs for administering the program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact on state agencies affected by the measure
- ODE process for estimating energy savings
- Benefits of increasing energy efficiency in state buildings

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: The existing state agency energy efficiency program required agencies to reduce energy use by 10 percent by 2003, requires ODE to monitor energy use annually and requires agencies to report energy use to ODE. The current program continues under HB 2786 A, but includes a new standard of 20 percent energy use reduction by 2015.