

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	3 - 1 - 1
Yeas:	Atkinson, Prozanski, Avakian
Nays:	Beyer
Exc.:	Bates
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Meeting Dates:	5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires a state agency that is authorized to finance construction, purchase or renovation of structures used by the state, 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 authorized state agency to prepare a plan for meeting requirement to reduce energy use by January 1, 2009. Establishes guidelines for plan preparation. Requires agency to report periodically to the Oregon Department of Energy regarding energy use. Requires agency that fails to meet the 20 percent energy reduction requirement on or after June 30, 2015, to submit biennial energy conservation plans to the department. Requires the department to pre-qualify prospective bidders for energy savings performance contracts as an option for an agency to meet its energy reduction requirements. Authorizes the department to recover the costs of administering the program from authorized state agencies.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Energy saving performance contracting entities and their services
- Reduction of state agency carbon footprint and relationship to global climate change
- Energy conservation and cost savings
- Fostering creation of high-skilled job

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In response to the California energy crisis in 2000, the Governor issued an executive order setting efficiency goals for authorized state agencies to reduce energy use by 10 percent by 2003. Subsequent to this action, the 2001 Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 3788, which codified the energy reduction goal for state agencies and required agencies that fail to achieve the 10 percent energy reduction to submit biennial energy conservation plans to the Department of Energy. To date, 13 authorized state agencies have met the energy reduction goal and nine agencies have not achieved a 10 percent reduction in energy use.

House Bill 2786-A continues the program with a new standard of 20 percent energy use reduction by 2015.