

# House Bill 2296

Sponsored by Representative BURLEY (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes renewable energy research center at Cascades Campus of Oregon State University. Declares objectives of center. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon State University to establish and maintain center.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to a renewable energy research center; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** (1) Oregon State University shall establish and maintain a renewable energy research center at the Cascades Campus of Oregon State University in Bend.

(2) The renewable energy research center shall:

(a) Analyze the major renewable energy issues facing Oregon and educate the public and the private sectors about the need to address these issues;

(b) Evaluate the challenges of finding sustainable solutions to renewable energy issues;

(c) Assess the challenges to involvement of various stakeholders in addressing renewable energy issues, and develop strategies and communication tools to overcome the obstacles;

(d) Consider legal and policy issues related to the field of renewable energy, and develop innovative methods to effectively address these issues; and

(e) Perform other related activities to support the understanding of, and potential for, the use of renewable energy in Oregon.

(3) Oregon State University may seek funds from public and private sources to maintain the renewable energy research center.

**SECTION 2.** There is appropriated to Oregon State University, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2007 Act.

**SECTION 3.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect July 1, 2007.

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