

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 2628**

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK; Senator MORRISETTE

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to lighting fixtures.

Whereas poorly designed outdoor lighting fixtures illuminate the night sky, threatening amateur and professional astronomy; and

Whereas diffused lighting from poorly designed outdoor lighting fixtures interferes with the ability of many people to see the beauty and wonder of the night sky; and

Whereas lighting from poorly designed outdoor lighting fixtures causes nighttime glare that poses significant safety risks to drivers and pedestrians; and

Whereas the use of lighting fixtures with improved designs could increase safety, conserve energy and preserve the beauty of the night sky; and

Whereas the International Dark-Sky Association and the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America have formed a joint task force to develop a model lighting ordinance to address the need for strong, consistent outdoor lighting regulation in the United States; now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The Legislative Assembly finds that in order to promote the use of energy-efficient outdoor lighting fixtures and to mitigate the light pollution caused by certain types of outdoor lighting fixtures, local building officials should assess local ordinances relating to outdoor lighting, and the State Department of Energy should assess state statutes and state building code provisions relating to outdoor lighting, for consistency and relevance in accomplishing the strong regulation of outdoor lighting fixtures in this state.

**SECTION 2.** Upon a model lighting ordinance being made available to the public by the International Dark-Sky Association and the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, or their successors, the State Department of Energy shall review the model ordinance provisions that are relevant to outdoor lighting fixtures. The department shall publish a report containing findings and recommendations of the department based upon the review. The findings and recommendations may include, but need not be limited to:

(1) The relevance of the model ordinance for regulating outdoor lighting fixtures under the state building code;

(2) The suitability of the technical regulations on outdoor lighting fixtures specified in the ordinance;

(3) The expected effectiveness that adoption of the model ordinance would have in reducing light pollution from outdoor lighting fixtures and promoting the energy efficiency of outdoor lighting fixtures; and

(4) The desirability of promoting both state and local adoption of the model ordinance provisions regarding outdoor lighting.

**SECTION 3.** The State Department of Energy shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than October 1, 2008. The department shall make the report available to the public without charge.

**SECTION 4.** Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act are repealed January 2, 2012.

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Chief Clerk of House

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Speaker of House

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President of Senate

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Governor

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