

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Jenson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Walker

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 21 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc: Richardson

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 16, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands eligibility of alternative fuel projects to use Department of Energy's Small Scale Energy Loan Program (SELP). Expands eligibility from vehicle fleets and fueling facilities to include other kind of equipment fueled by alternative energy sources. Increases term of service for members of Small Scale Local Energy Project Advisory Committee from two to four years.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Expenditure limitation for policy option packages tied to passage of legislation were removed from Department of Energy's budget, pending passage of the bills
- Additional use of the program by rural applicants and agricultural sectors

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Small Scale Energy Loan Program (SELP) was created in 1979 to offer low-interest, fixed rate, long term loans for any qualified Oregon project that invests in energy conservation, renewable energy, alternative fuels, or creating products from recycled material.