

House Bill 2952

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

SUMMARY

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Adds requirement that applicant filing application to obtain loan funds for small scale local energy project include proof that any necessary electrical, plumbing or other permits have been obtained.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to small scale local energy projects; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 470.060.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 470.060 is amended to read:

5 470.060. (1) Any individual who is a resident of Oregon, an Oregon business, a nonprofit or
6 public cooperative, a nonprofit corporation, an eligible federal agency, an eligible state agency, a
7 public corporation created by the state, an intergovernmental entity created pursuant to an inter-
8 governmental agreement under ORS 190.003 to 190.130, or a municipal corporation may file with the
9 State Department of Energy an application to obtain loan funds for a small scale local energy
10 project as provided in this chapter.

11 (2) Applications to obtain funds for a small scale local energy project shall be made in writing
12 on a form prescribed by the State Department of Energy. Applications submitted to the State De-
13 partment of Energy shall:

14 (a) Describe the nature and purpose of the proposed small scale local energy project.

15 (b) State whether any purposes other than energy production, but consistent with energy pro-
16 duction, will be served by the proposed small scale local energy project, and the nature of the other
17 purposes, if any.

18 (c) Include an evaluation of the potential of the small scale local energy project to meet local
19 community energy needs.

20 (d) Include an evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the small scale local energy
21 project.

22 (e) State whether any moneys other than those in the loan fund are proposed to be used for the
23 development of the proposed small scale local energy project, and whether any other moneys are
24 available or have been sought for the project.

25 (f) Describe the source of funds for repayment of the loan applied for.

26 **(g) Include proof that the applicant has obtained electrical, plumbing and other permits,**
27 **if necessary, for the proposed small scale local energy project.**

28 (3) A fee of one-tenth of one percent of the amount of the loan applied for or \$2,500, whichever
29 is less, shall be submitted with each application. In addition, the applicant may be required to pay
30 for costs incurred in connection with the application that exceed the application fee and which the
31 Director of the State Department of Energy determines are incurred solely in connection with pro-

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1 cessing the application. The applicant shall be advised of any additional costs the applicant must
2 pay before the costs are incurred.

3 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 470.060 by section 1 of this 2009 Act apply to ap-**
4 **plications to obtain loan funds for small scale local energy projects first filed with the State**
5 **Department of Energy on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.**

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