

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	9 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Bailey, Bentz, Frederick, Garrett, Gilliam, Richardson, Thatcher, Witt, Read
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Holvey
Prepared By:	Beth Herzog, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/2, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes that community-based renewable energy projects include marine renewable energy resources developed in accordance with Territorial Sea Plan or are located on structures adjacent to coastal shore lands. Requires Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to conduct study on developing commercially viable marine resources in state. Directs DLCD to invite participation and consultation with state agencies, including Oregon State University, federal agencies, and appropriate stakeholders. Directs DLCD to coordinate preparation of study with committee that has experience providing policy guidance for marine renewable energy resources. Requires committee to review recommendations and results of study and make recommendations to Legislative Assembly. Establishes Marine Renewable Energy Resources Study Fund (Fund). Authorizes DLCD to accept contributions to Fund. Stipulates that no General Fund or federal funds used to support other programs may be deposited into Fund. Repeals study portion of Act on 61st day following sine die unless sufficient funds are deposited into Fund. Provides that study provisions take effect on date DLCD has accepted sufficient moneys to conduct study. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of stakeholders in study
- Opportunities to secure funding for the study
- Job opportunities resulting from ocean energy projects

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's territorial sea has been identified as a favorable location for siting renewable energy facilities for research, demonstration, and commercial power development. These facilities may vary in the type and extent of the technologies employed and will require other related structures, equipment or facilities to connect together, anchor to the seafloor, and transfer energy to on-shore substations. House Bill 3633A requires the Department of Land Conservation and Development to conduct a study that will look at how to best develop commercially viable marine resources.