

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 2
Yeas: Burdick, Edwards, Starr, Beyer
Nays: 0
Exc.: Atkinson, Girod
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Meeting Dates: 2/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the Oregon Business Development Commission to use revenue bonds to finance economic development projects that are primarily for the generation, transmission, sale or distribution of electrical energy.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Protection for the State of Oregon from default risk
- Other states exempting electrical energy projects from economic development
- Projects that have requested the funding that have been denied due to this criteria

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Industrial Development Bonds are tax-exempt, conduit bonds issued by the state to help Oregon companies by providing long-term financing for land, buildings and equipment. Current statute (ORS 285B.323) makes facilities that are designed primarily for the generation, transmission, sale or distribution of electrical energy ineligible for Industrial Development Bonds.