77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session **MEASURE: HB 2436**
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY **CARRIER: Sen. Hass**
Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:		Do Pass
Vote:		5 - 0 - 0
	Yeas:	Bates, Hansell, Hass, Olsen, Dingfelder
	Nays:	0
	Exc.:	0
Prepared By:		Beth Reiley, Administrator
Meeting Dates:		3/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Technology (EEAST) loan program. Adds definitions of "primary contractor" and "utility service territories." Stipulates where EEAST loan funds may be spent and who may administer EEAST loan funds. Removes requirement on utilities to transfer EEAST loan to new owner if property is transferred.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- EEAST provides financing for residential and commercial energy efficiency and renewable energy projects
- Work group looking at EEAST implementation proposed minor changes to EEAST program contained in Act
- Economic impact of EEAST within 14 counties

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2009 Legislative Assembly passed the Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Technology Act. The loan program was created to provide a financing means for either production of renewable energy or to increase the energy efficiency of residences or businesses while utilizing local workforces to perform the energy efficiency improvements. These loans are paid back through monthly utility bills. House Bill 2436 modifies requirements for primary contractors and energy project managers participating in the program.