## 77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2105 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Bentz

**House Committee on Energy & Environment** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the

Committee on Land Use

**Vote:** 7 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Bentz, Boone, Dembrow, Johnson, Reardon, Vega Pederson, Bailey

Nays: 0

Exc.: Weidner, Whitsett

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/28, 3/19, 3/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to study and report on issues relating to Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) by November 1, 2013. Requires report to include information relating to consistency of siting requirements put forward by federal and local governments; means to encourage greater participation by local governments, state agencies, and federally-recognized tribes in facility siting and design; and clarifying definition of energy facility for purposes of determining authority relating to siting. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Contents of measure
- Impact of amendments

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:** The Energy Facility Siting Council is responsible for permitting large scale energy facilities in Oregon, but relies on many state agencies in the performance of its duties. The siting of smaller scale energy facilities is often permitted by counties. House Bill 2105A seeks to ensure energy siting facility standards are consistent while providing recommendations for ways local governments can participate in energy siting decisions occurring at the state level.