

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Starr, Thomsen, Beyer
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/19, 4/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Clarifies definition of “baseload electricity” with regard to Oregon’s greenhouse gas emission performance standard. Deletes provisions related to review and modification of greenhouse gas emissions standard by Public Utility Commission. Allows petition to Public Utility Commission for study of greenhouse gas emissions standard to determine whether standard is still necessary and whether it should be retained, repealed or modified. Requires report to Legislative Assembly following review within 12 months of receiving petition for review.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Power plants outside Oregon that supply electricity for use in Oregon
- State and federal standards
- Background on Renewable Northwest Project

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

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon’s greenhouse gas emissions standard was enacted with the passage of Senate Bill 101 (2009). That measure established a standard of 1,100 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO2) per megawatt hour of electrical generation as part of the state’s effort to combat global climate change. A study by the U.S. Energy Information Administration had identified energy-related CO2 emissions as responsible for 82 percent of total human-created greenhouse gas emissions in 2006. Senate Bill 101 was an effort to reduce the impact of electricity generated for use by Oregon residents.

Senate Bill 242 A updates Oregon’s greenhouse gas emissions standard and allows for review of the current greenhouse gas emission standards to determine whether the standard is still necessary and whether it should be retained, modified, or repealed.