

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Hansell, Hass, Olsen, Dingfelder
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Reiley, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/22, 4/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to review matters related to Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) including: means to encourage consistency of federal, local and state government siting requirements; mechanism to encourage greater participation by local governments during facility siting process; means to encourage public participation in design and siting of facilities; definition of “energy facility” and recommendations for clarification; means to ensure participation by local governments, state agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes; means to ensure efficient and cost-effective recovery of fees expended in review of application for site certificates; and any other matter deemed relevant. Requires ODOE to submit report with recommendations for legislation to Legislature on or before November 1, 2013. Sunsets study requirements effective January 2, 2015. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Opportunity to increase stakeholder participation
- EFSC process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) 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 2105 A requires the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to study issues related to EFSC, and requires ODOE to report their findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before November 1, 2013.