

House Bill 2344

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows Director of State Department of Energy to enter into certain agreements related to small scale local energy projects with other state agencies, local governments, federal government and private organizations and entities.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to small scale local energy projects; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section "local government" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.116.

(2) For the purpose of carrying out the duties and responsibilities imposed upon the State Department of Energy under ORS chapter 470 and to increase participation by other state agencies, local governments, the federal government and private organizations and entities in small scale local energy projects, the Director of the State Department of Energy may enter into formal or informal agreements or other arrangements with other state agencies, local governments, the federal government and private organizations and entities. The agreements or other arrangements described in this section may concern, but need not be limited to, planning and management matters related to small scale local energy projects.

(3) The director may adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, section 1 of this 2013 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2014.

(2) The Director of the State Department of Energy may adopt rules or take any other action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to implement, on or after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, section 1 of this 2013 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.