

House Bill 2440

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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**.

Requires Department of Land Conservation and Development, in cooperation with State Department of Energy, State Department of Agriculture and State Department of Fish and Wildlife, to review laws and rules regulating siting of solar energy projects in areas zoned for exclusive farm use and to make recommendations to legislative interim committees.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the siting of solar energy projects on farmland; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "solar energy project" includes:**

5 **(a) A photovoltaic solar energy facility; and**

6 **(b) A solar collecting facility that employs heliostat technology, solar thermal technology**
7 **or other reflective technology.**

8 **(2) In cooperation with the State Department of Energy, the State Department of Agri-**
9 **culture and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Land Conservation**
10 **and Development shall review the laws and rules regulating the siting of solar energy**
11 **projects in areas zoned for exclusive farm use and make recommendations for improving the**
12 **efficiency and effectiveness of the siting process.**

13 **(3) The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall report to the appropri-**
14 **ate legislative interim committees on or before September 1, 2013.**

15 **SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
17 **on its passage.**

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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.