77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2014 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 4042 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Boone

House Committee on Energy & Environment

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bentz, Boone, Johnson, Lininger, Reardon, Smith Warner, Vega Pederson, Weidner, Whitsett,

Bailey **Nays:** 0 **Exc.:** 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds renewable marine energy to types of energy for which availability of net metering is required. Stipulates that "territorial sea" be defined as it is currently in statute. Establishes that renewable marine energy can be located on "outer continental shelf" and that, if located on territorial sea or outer continental shelf, it is directly interconnected to the customer-generator's premises.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Net metering as an established mechanism to facilitate power generation
- Power company neutrality on measure as amended
- Background work on amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Stipulates that "territorial sea" be defined as it is currently in statute. Establishes that renewable marine energy can be located on "outer continental shelf" and that, if located on territorial sea or outer continental shelf, it is directly interconnected to the customer-generator's premises.

BACKGROUND: Net metering is a utility interconnection model that enables customers to offset some or all of their energy use with onsite renewable energy generation and be billed for only the net energy consumed.

House Bill 4042 A would add renewable marine energy to the types of facilities that generate energy for which the availability of net metering is required.