

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/16/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 04/07, 04/16

**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Bentz, Boone, Heard, Helm, Holvey, Johnson, Reardon, Vega Pederson, Weidner

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Expresses policy position of state that regional transmission planning processes conducted for regions wholly or partly encompassing areas of state must adequately consider transmission of electricity from ocean renewable energy generated in Oregon's territorial sea or within adjacent federal waters.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need for planning to consider ocean renewable energy transmission needs
- Regional planning processes

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon's territorial sea, defined as the ocean and seafloor area from mean low water seaward three nautical miles, has been identified as a favorable location for siting renewable energy projects, including wave energy. These facilities vary in type and may require structures and equipment to be anchored to the seafloor and transfer energy to on-shore substations. House Bill 2187A would declare as state policy that regional transmission planning processes should adequately consider the transmission of ocean renewable energy from Oregon's territorial sea and adjacent federal waters.